

Idaho's Conservation Partnership

2005 Report of Accomplishments



Idaho's Conservation Districts:
Providing Natural Resource
Management at the Local Level

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FOREWORD

Idaho's Conservation Partnership 2005 Report of Accomplishments highlights the diverse conservation activities and accomplishments of the 51 Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Districts (Conservation Districts), the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission (Commission), and the Idaho District Employees Association (IDEA). The Conservation Districts, along with the Commission and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), are the primary entities for resource conservation work conducted on private lands in Idaho.

Conservation Districts serve as an effective liaison between local, State, and Federal resource management agencies in the coordination and delivery of state and national programs for landowners and land managers. This collaborative effort provides technical knowledge, financial assistance, and broad-based educational programs for natural resource conservation and management.

All technical and financial assistance is based on a program participant's voluntary development of a conservation plan. Conservation plans provide resource assessments that allow landowners and land managers to optimize their natural resources and achieve a sustainable operation that contributes to healthy ecosystems, landscapes, and watersheds.

Each Conservation District's *Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents* is an overview of the financial and programmatic assistance provided to landowners and land managers. It is important to note that Conservation District operations are funded by dollars received from the county and by matching State funds. As the primary delivery system for local, state, and federal natural resource conservation programs and technical and financial activities, Conservation Districts are the key to sustainable natural resource conservation in Idaho.

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Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Ada Soil and Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Ada

Legislative District(s) 14-21

Function or Conservation District Mission

Ada Soil and Water Conservation District cooperates with Federal, State, Local, and Private organizations to promote the conservation and wise use of all natural resources and to provide conservation education for Ada County residents.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Seven new EQIP contracts for \$525,000.00, representing 69 BMPs and 2090 acres.
- Completed 14 conservation plans for small acreage landowners.
- Five WQPA contracts for \$59,302.66, for the Fifteenmile Watershed, representing 21 practices.
- Meridian NRCS provided leadership for Ada county participation in the four county C.J. Strike Watershed for CSP. Ada SWCD researched, inventoried collected and analyzed participant eligibility in the CSP watershed. Results were: mass mailing of CSP invitation letter, eligibility questionnaire and public meeting site notice to 725 potential applicants in 33 states and 3 countries.

Conservation District Priority # 1 WATER QUALITY

- EQIP – assisted 37 potential applicants.
- Ranked 16 applicants.
- Planned and contracted 7 participants

Conservation District Priority #2 DISTRICT OPERATIONS

- Received annual funding increase from Ada County Commissioners, which enabled hiring a part-time SWCD employee to provide “on the ground” technical assistance to small acreage landowners.
- The SWCD, IASCD, NRCS partnership interviewed 3 City Mayors, 2 City Council Presidents and the Ada County Commissioners in Eagle, Meridian, Kuna and Star, to identify resource concerns and explore possible partnering on achieving similar natural resource conservation goals.
- The SWCD Initiated an intensive strategic planning session to identify a new vision, mission and goals for the District.

Conservation District Priority # 3 URBAN

- Conservation plans were developed for 14 small acreage landowners to help them identify resources concerns on their land and give them help in solving these issues.
- Continued partnership with Ada County in groundwater monitoring in Barber Park.
- Continued partnership with the Extension Service to provide conservation education and assistance to small acreage landowners.
- Provided extensive wetland resource information on the Fivemile/Victory Wetland, to the National Wetland Initiative, for their Spotlight on Constructed Wetland in the U. S.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- SWCD provided three students with scholarships for the 2004 Natural Resources Workshop.
- The District helped sponsor and participated in the Soil Judging Contest, held in Parma.
- The SWCD was sponsored a team for the 2005 Envirothon in Challis. Diane Miller, the Administrative Assistant, volunteered at the event.
- The District participated in the Western Idaho Fair's Food Producers Ag Pavilion with a wetland conservation display. Diane Miller, Paul Mumm and Ron Streng worked as volunteers.
- Participated in the 2005 Legislative Display at the Capitol.
- Skip Vetten, NRCS and Paul Mumm taught a range class for small acreage landowners at the U of I Extension Service in Caldwell.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Organized the Legislative Luncheon for 8 of the 11 Division III districts. The theme centered around small acreage landowners and how the districts are dealing with their natural resource issues. There were also 2 guest speakers, Kevin Laughlin, from U of I Extension Service and John Chatburn from the Idaho Department of Agriculture.
- The District had creek signs made and installed at 48 creek crossings and on major roadways, in cooperation with the Ada County Commissioners, to help educate the public about existing natural waterways in Ada County.
- Participated in Southwest RC&D meetings.
- Held annual Work Group Meeting.
- Meet regularly with Ada County Commissioners for cooperative projects.
- Worked with Barber Park Renovation Project as advisors for groundwater issues.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 10,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 18,097.55
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 59,302.66
USDA NRCS	EQIP	\$ 525,000.00



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Fiscal Year 2005

Adams Soil & Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Adams & Washington

Legislative District(s) #9

Function or Conservation District Mission

To provide local leadership in the conservation development and productive use of soil, water and related resources. To act as a catalyst to bring people and programs together, to bring about a quality way of life, a quality resource base and a quality environment.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- The District assisted 5 landowners with Conservation Security Projects (CSP) and 9 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) projects.
- Conservation plans for 739 acres of cropland were planned and developed.
- Conservation plans for 5,164 acres of grazing land were developed.
- Irrigation improvements of 5,759 feet were made.

Dryden Ranch Headgate



Conservation District Priority # 1 - Water Quality

The District worked with NRCS to provide information to landowners about EQIP and CSP funds available. The District participates in and provides clerical assistance to the Little Salmon Watershed Advisory Group. The District provides educational information to landowners and cooperators through newsletters, newspaper articles, and fair exhibits. The District also provided funding for a student from Council Elementary School to attend the 4-H Natural Resources Camp. The topic for this year was Water Quality. The District provides a water jet tree planter for riparian establishment that is available to all County residents.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Croplands – Irrigated and Non-irrigated

- Held an informational meeting, and assistance to landowners for EQIP contracts.
- There was 3,730 feet of high-pressure underground pipe installed, 100 feet of steel pipe, and 575 feet of pipeline laid.
- Four watering facilities were installed

Conservation District Priority # 3 - Rangeland

- The District promotes improved rangeland management through reseeding, delayed haying, and weed management.

- The District participated with Adams Cooperative Weed Management on a weed tour that assisted landowners and cooperators in plant identification and treatment of noxious and invasive species.

Conservation District Priority #4 – District Operations

- Develop Annual Workplan
- Oversee daily District operations.
- Provide a tour or educational workshop for community and cooperators.
- Participate in Little Salmon Watershed Advisory Group
- Participate in West Central Highlands RC & D.
- Provide educational materials & assistance to local schools.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

Adams Soil & Water Conservation District worked cooperatively with the Adams Cooperative Weed Management Agency to provide a weed tour in Adams County. A school bus shuttled members of the communities in Adams County to areas of concern identified by Adams County Weed Control. The areas included past treatment projects, new infestations, and future project sites. Lunch was provided, and a chemical representative on how to calibrate your sprayers ended the day with a demonstration. The District provided funding for an elementary student to attend the State 4-H Natural Resources camp. Teachers in Adams County are provided educational information, and teaching assistance through the District office.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Participate in CSP and EQIP outreach meetings to encourage participation in programs.
- Participate and provide clerical assistance for Little Salmon WAG.
- Provide a liaison to the West Central Highlands RC&D.
- Participate in Adams County Natural Resources Board.
- Hold a legislative luncheon for local government officials to coordinate conservation efforts.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Adams County	District Operations	\$ 2,980.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 6,937.00
Little Salmon WAG	WAG support	\$ 1,356.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 219,417.00

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Irrigation water management on Dryden Ranch



**Report of Accomplishments
Fiscal Year 2005
Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District
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Rick Rodgers, Chair
Counties Served: Twin Falls and Owyhee
Legislative District(s): 23 and 24**



Function or Conservation District Mission

Officially organized May 22, 1961, the Balanced Rock SCD has remained faithful to its founders' intentions. Working with federal, state and local agencies, sometimes through formal agreements, the District has brought a wide range of technical and financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, homeowners, towns and organizations it represents. Conservation through voluntary participation, initiated by a strong education program, has always been a basic tenet of the Balanced Rock SCD.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

The Balanced Rock SCD promotes management practices that conserve water and improve water quality with the goal of putting water to beneficial use. The district expanded that vision this year when it helped facilitate an energy conservation project through the federal EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program). Through that project Primo Farms, on the Roseworth Tract, was able to install nearly 2.5 miles of pipeline to take advantage of the natural fall of the land to supply 10 pivots with gravity pressurized water. That saved 70,000 gallons of diesel during the 2005 growing season. Primo Farms received approximately \$300,000 in cost-share through EQIP.



Marc Elliott begins the process of fusing pipe together. It took a half hour to fuse each joint.

Conservation District Priority #1 — Water Quality

Improving water quality throughout the District remains the top priority. On irrigated lands, the District is helping surface irrigators to convert to sprinkler irrigation systems to reduce irrigation-induced erosion through the EQIP and state RCRDP (Rangeland Conservation and Resource Development Program). Nine EQIP applications were funded which will save 8,640 tons of sediment loss annually. Eight RCRDP loans were approved in Twin Falls County that will save 18,500 tons of soil annually in Twin Falls County.

The District is also partnering with landowners, the Twin Falls Canal Company and Department of Environmental Quality to develop constructed wetlands on strategic irrigation return drains within the District. The District is also providing assistance to the



Over 2.5 miles of pipe was laid in the spring of 2005 to provide gravity pressurized water to 10 pivots.

USDA-Agricultural Research Service on a Conservation Effects Assessment Project that is evaluating what impact changing land management practices have had on water quality.

Conservation District Priority #2 — Nutrient Management

Western Twin Falls County is home to approximately 80 dairies. Now that dairies and beef feedlots have nutrient management plans, the District believes the next step is to educate crop farmers who are accepting animal waste about the proper methods for putting this valuable resource to work for them while protecting both surface and ground water quality. Initial planning has begun to host a nutrient management workshop in western Twin Falls County that would target the Mennonite community there.

Conservation District Priority #3 — Energy Conservation

Fuel costs that have nearly doubled in the last few years have made energy conservation a priority for the Balanced Rock SCD. The District sponsored two applications for the energy conservation component of EQIP this year and one was completed (see above).

Information & Education/Public Outreach

Mary Rosen, water quality resource specialist, made presentations at the Castleford Men's and Rotary clubs about the federal 319 grant program and the projects in Twin Falls County funded through that program. The District also printed a brochure to educate the public about Salt Cedar, an invasive plant species that is becoming more prevalent in western Twin Falls County. District supervisors also helped plan a field day to be held at the F-Coulee/Dickinson Pond in August 2005.

Community Collaboration and Coordination

The Balanced Rock SCD has worked with a number of agencies and groups in the past year including: Department of Environmental Quality, Twin Falls Canal Company, Twin Falls County Commission, Castleford Men's Club and Rotary, Castleford FFA, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission and USDA-Agricultural Research Service.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinate for Constituents with Conservation Partners to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
USDA	General Conservation*	\$793,013
USDA	Ground and Surface Water Conservation*	\$249,120
State	Water Quality*	\$515,197
BLM	Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement	\$1,381
State	District Operations	\$12,996
Twin Falls County	District Operations	\$5,665
Owyhee County	District Operations	\$500
319	Water Quality**	\$310,000

*Twin Falls County as a whole

** Twin Falls County as whole and includes 40 percent local match



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Fiscal Year 2005

Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Bear Lake County

Legislative District(s) District 31

Function or Conservation District Mission

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Assisted 12 new participants in NRCS EQIP projects
- Provided technical assistance to 120 landowners.
- Installed 2,275 feet of windbreaks.
- Installed 1 waste storage facility.
- Installed 2,757 feet of fence to improve water quality



Conservation District Priority # 1 - District Operations

- Contracted with NRCS to hire a TSP to help train & assist with conservation & design work.
- Conducted a tree sales program for windbreaks and riparian buffers.
- Provided technical and financial assistance to cooperators to develop and implement programs to conserve renewable natural resources.
- Conduit of non-regulatory natural resource technical, financial, and educational assistance to approximately 400 landowners, operators and constituents.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Resources/Quantity

- Provided a loan to Ovid Irrigation Company to assist with cost share portion of an EQIP project to pipe a section of their ditch to prevent loss of water, prevent well contamination, improve irrigation efficiency and prevent flooding of homes.
- Cooperated with Forest Service & Fish & Game to install fish screens on Thomas Fork Creek
- 6 Cooperators received EQIP projects to install 32,671 feet of pipeline to improve irrigation water management.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Water Quality

- Completed Agricultural TMDL Implementation Plan on the Thomas Fork.
- Worked with 13 landowners in on-the ground conservation planning and BMP implementation.
- Awarded a 319 project on the Bear River.
- Worked with landowner to apply for PacifiCorp re-licensing money to move cattle off the stream and benefit Bonneville Cutthroat fish.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Provided a Water-Jet Stinger for use by landowners for willow plantings.
- Participated in IASCD Legislative and fair booth display on partnerships.
- Installed some new signs to recognize the Conservation District boundaries.
- Made available two \$250.00 scholarships for graduating seniors at Bear Lake High school
- Sent four students to the Natural Resources Workshop in Ketchum.
- Conducted a poster contest for sixth grade students
- Published several articles in local newspaper.
- Participated in the BAG of Woad program with the Highlands CWMA

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Coordinated Cloud Seeding Project for Bear Lake County.
- Held Locally Led meetings.
- Co-sponsored weed tour with County Extension
- Participated in the Highlands CWMA and provided clerical assistance throughout the year.
- Assisted PacifiCorp with ECC project on Skinner Creek.
- Sponsored County wide tour of Conservation projects for Locally Led Group.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
CRP	Conservation	\$ 941,305.00
EQIP	Natural Resource Improvement	\$ 302,835.00
319	Water Quality	\$ 32,938.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 10,036.25
Bear Lake County	District Operations	\$ 6,450.00
Highland CWMA	Noxious Weeds	\$ 31,349.31
Cloud Seeding	Water Quantity	\$ 3,500.00
Tree Sales	Land Resources	\$ 23,485.31
Ovid Irrigation	District Operations	\$ 7,185.00
NRCS	Contract Labor	\$ 43,307.96
PacifiCorp ECC	Conservation	\$ 46,000.00

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Fiscal Year: 2005

Benewah Soil & Water Conservation District

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Plummer, Idaho 83851

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Counties Served: Benewah County & Shoshone County

Legislative District(s) 2

Function or Conservation District Mission

- Promoting the wise use of soil, water and other natural resources at the local level by utilizing available financial, technical and educational resources and coordinating those sources to meet the needs of the local landowner and land user.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- There were 13 EQIP applications accepted this year and 8 contracts.
- A total of 8 CRP applications were accepted this year; there are 161 active CRP contracts in the district (10,740 acres).
- There are 3 active Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) contracts.
- There are 11 Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) contracts in the district.
- Provided general technical assistance to 75 landowners in cooperation with Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Commission & Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts.
- Completed a one-mile stretch of stream bank stabilization on Santa Creek. Sediment reduction is estimated at 180/tons/year.
- Participated in the Rock Washington watershed CSP.
- Over 10,000 tree seedlings were sold to assist landowners in reforestation efforts.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

- 17,760 feet of exclusion fencing installed, keeping livestock out of water bodies.
- 7 hardened cattle crossings, 7 rock chutes, 12 log/rock drop structures, 1,600 feet bank shaping, seeding and mulching were completed.
- Over 600 riparian/wetland plantings were completed.
- Provided \$85,552 in cost-share assistance for conservation practice implementation.
- 8 CRP contracts accepted.
- Submitted 3 grant proposals to Idaho DEQ for Nonpoint Source Management §319 subgrants.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Non-Irrigated Cropland

- 2 EQIP contracts accepted for direct seeding.
- 8 CRP contracts accepted.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Riparian

- Over 600 riparian plantings were completed on Santa Creek.
- 2 EQIP projects on the St. Joe River included riparian plantings to address stream bank erosion.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- In the spring, the District sponsored a 5th Grade Forestry Awareness Day at Heyburn State Park. Reached approximately 150 students from five different school districts.
- In the fall, the District sponsored a 5th Grade Agriculture Awareness Day at the Coeur d' Alene Tribal Farm. Reached approximately 150 students from five different school districts.
- In May, the District sponsored a poster contest entitled "Celebrating Conservation" for all 4th through 6th grade students within the district. Over 75 students participated from three different school districts.
- The District sponsored an educational booth at the Benewah County Fair. The District was awarded second place in the educational division.
- The District now has a website to provide information to our landowners and land operators.
- The District distributed a newsletter to over 450 landowners.
- 10 news articles were published in the local newspaper.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- The Benewah SWCD sponsored a breakfast meeting in January to provide information about available programs to landowners and land operators and to give them an opportunity to ask questions about the programs.
- The District participated in two Hangman Creek TMDL Implementation meetings in Fairfield, Washington and two meetings in Tensed, Idaho with both the Coeur d' Alene Tribe and the Spokane County Conservation District.
- The District participated in the St. Joe/St. Maries WAG and serves as the coordinator for meetings.
- The District is an active participant in the Panhandles Lakes RC&D Council.
- The District participated in the EQIP Local Working Group Committee to develop ranking criteria at the local level.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Benewah County	District Operations	\$ 3,500.00
Shoshone County	District Operations	750.00
State	District Operations	10,450.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non-Point Source Pollution	32,528.00
WQPA*	Water Quality	27,885.00
USDA Farm Program	Conservation	<u>445,024.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 520,137.00

* WQPA Grant received 1/05

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Blaine Soil Conservation District

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Carey, Id 83320

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Counties Served Blaine

Legislative District(s) 25

Function or Conservation District Mission

To coordinate and deliver technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil, and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 13 Cooperators installed/maintained management practices Improving irrigation, grazing conditions, riparian areas and Wildlife habitat.
- 5 structures for water control for improved irrigation
- 1500 ft. of fencing to enhance grazing management
- 2500 ft of stream bank repair for erosion and wildlife Habitat.
- Grass seeding on 72 acres
- 8 irrigation systems on 700 acres



Conservation District Priority # 1 –Water Resources/Quantity

- Engaged in water resource planning with the Fish Creek Reservoir Company for dam rehabilitation and water storage. Doug Surerus Blaine SCD Supervisor, chairs the rehabilitation effort.
- Coordination with the Little Wood River Irrigation District on irrigation water conservation and management. Bob Simpson, Blaine SCD chair, manages the irrigation water delivery system.
- Assist Natural Resources Conservation Service with manual Snow Surveys on three sites in Blaine County.
- Assisted Little Wood Irrigation District in design of pressurized irrigation system, 11,000 acres.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Quality

- Partnered with the United States Geological Service to conduct a nitrate ground water survey in the Wood River Valley.
- Reviewed Big Wood River TMDL with the State Soil Conservation Commission.
- Reviewed Little Wood River Draft TMDL

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Weed Control

- Participation in the Southern Idaho Bio Control Program on 30 sites in Blaine County.
- Sponsor for the knapweed insectory.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

Youth Environmental Education

- Sponsored a 5 member team and advisor to the Idaho Envirothon Competition.
- Participated in the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District Division IV Speech Contest.
- Provided financial support for the FFA Soil Evaluation Contest.

Adult Environmental Education

- Consistent supporter of “Farm Day”, an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to share and learn from each other.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Conducted a Conservation Tree Sale Program for windbreaks, animal habitat, riparian areas, and stream bank stabilization.
- A sponsor for the Environmental Resource Center “Clean Sweep” Program: 172 people picked up 6,840 lbs. of litter in Bellevue.
- Supporter of Little Wood River Land Trust and their conservation efforts in Blaine County.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho’s renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Blaine County	District Operations	\$ 11, 800.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 22, 864.00
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources	Adjudication	\$ 37, 000.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 420,553.00

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Blaine Bug Crew: Bio-weed Control





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Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Bonner County

Legislative District(s) #1

Function or Conservation District Mission

- To take available technical, financial and educational resources whatever their source and focus and coordinate them to meet the needs of the landuser.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Applied wildlife habitat management practices on 1410 acres
- Provided general technical assistance to 61 landowners in cooperation with NRCS, SCC, & IASCD
- Assisted 18 landowners on NRCS EQIP projects, 2 WRP projects
- Applied grazing land management practices to 1303 acres
- Finalized Lake Pend Oreille Nearshore TMDL Agricultural Implementation Plan
- Helped secure \$62,066 in grant funds for Pend Oreille Lake*A*Syst through cooperation with Tri-State, DEQ, SCC, IASCD, NRCS, ISDA, & the City of Sandpoint. Goal: Education of Nearshore landowners to maintain water quality.



900 ft. of stream bank stabilized,
100% willow survival

Conservation District Priority # 1 – District Operations/Information & Education

- Helped update Idaho State Forestry Contest Manual, post on websites and mail to coaches
- Administer grants: 1) US Fish & Wildlife, Gov's Office on Species Preservation & Avista to improve fish habitat & reduce sediment loads on Hellroaring Creek, 2) US Fish & Wildlife, Granite Creek to improve fish habitat, 3) Tri-State Water Quality Council/EPA grant for bank stabilization on Pack River, 4) 319 Grant on Pack River Road for sediment, 4) Avista grant to fund pack River Watershed Council, 5) WQPA on Lower West Branch of Priest River, 6) Lake*A*Syst Program with DEQ Drinking Water Protection, SCC, IASCD, & NRCS, and 7) WCRP for Waterlife Discovery Center
- Met with Local Work Group
- Published 4 Forestry Contest newsletters reaching 272 adults and around 300 students
- Met with County Commissioners, mailed minutes and agenda monthly

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Quality

- Coordinate Pack River Watershed Council: 4 meetings, 4 newsletters of 212 each, water quality monitoring
- DC, Board Chair, & Water Quality Resource Conservationist attended both Tri-State's meetings
- 2 WHIP contracts, along with construction work on two existing WRP plans
- Installed 4196 feet of fence and planned 10 acres on Continuous CRP
- Planned stream revetment project for Pack River – EPA grant
- Support Cocolalla Lake Association: Presented Lake*A*Syst program at meeting; Reviewed letter of support for grant; Conducted SVAP of reach of Cocolalla Creek
- Began preparations for WQPA on Lower West Branch of Priest River, conducted SVAP
- TMDL Plans: Draft of LWB in progress, Nearshore completed, Pack River Management Plan in progress

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Timber & Woodland

- 10 EQIP operations for forestry practices
- Promote genetically improved stock - Tree seedling sale = 22,740
- Helped teach Forestry Short Course
- IDL Forest Legacy Program – promote and provide info through newsletter
- DC and DA attend monthly meetings of Chamber Ag/Forestry Committee

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Adult: Quarterly Newsletter (420), Weed Education Day (100), Conservation Easement Workshop (30), Legislative Display, Fair Booth on Grasses, Adult Natural Resource Contest at Fair, Monthly Chamber Ag/Forestry meetings
- Youth: Forestry Contest (300), Pend Oreille Water Festival (400 5th graders), Student Natural Resource Contest at Fair, Tree ID to 6th Grade Classroom
- Website through RC&D for Division I, input from 4 counties: www.icehouse.net/ksswcd
- Article on Waterlife Discovery Center in ID SCC Conservation Connection

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Co-sponsored Chamber of Commerce Farm Tour; Assisted Ag/Forestry Committee with Winter Carnival; Helped Ag/Forestry Committee develop “Code of the West” booklet with information for new rural landowners
- Conducted Sarah Bigger, UI/NRCS, on tour of Bonner County for Farm Bill Success Stories
- Participated in 2 WAG’s, Lake Pend Oreille Nearshore Implementation Plan and Clark Fork TMDL
- 3 CSP meetings facilitated for Kootenai-Moyie Watershed
- Collaborated with other Division I offices to help on projects
- Scoping Meeting for Public Forum on Sustainability for Water Quality Seminar
- Coordinated with F&G on educational handouts; helped develop 3 educational brochures with Tri-State
- Coordinated Inland Empire Soil & Water Conservation Society meeting held in Sandpoint
- Conducted 10 Cultural Resource Site Surveys or Evaluations with other agencies

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho’s renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Bonner County	District Operations	\$ 9,000
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 16,768
USDA Farm Program (Expended \$100,000)	Conservation	\$241,000
WQPA (funds received)	Water Quality	\$ 25,000
Lake*A*Syst (funds received)	Water Quality	\$ 62,066
WCRP (funds expended)	Fish & Wildlife	\$ 2,750
TOTAL:		\$356,584

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Students at Idaho State Forestry Contest judge soils at left, while picture at right shows log drop structure completed at Bismark Meadows.





Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Boundary Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Boundary

Legislative District(s) 01

Function or Conservation District Mission

Establish conservation priorities and resource needs of the county and to work with land managers, local government agencies and other local interests in addressing a broad spectrum of resource concerns

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- We assisted landowners in the implementation of 21 CSP (Conservation Security Program) plans and contracts
- 10,000 acres of conservation tillage was done in Boundary County resulting in 20,000 tons of soil being saved
- 8 miles of riparian buffer along the Kootenai River became protected therefore securing Habitat for Upland Birds and threatened and endangered species (T&E) such as Kootenai White Sturgeon
- 10 EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) plans were completed to improve forestry, cropland, pasture, and riparian resources. Two of the plans are for special projects for T&E species working with the Kootenai Tribe Fisheries Department



Conservation District Priority # 1 - Cropland

- 3000 acres of direct seed systems were implemented to improve overall soil quality.
- 3 miles of vegetative filter strips are planned to be installed along the Kootenai River and other wetlands.
- 2000 acres have been deep sub soiled to improve water quality and water infiltration.

Conservation District Priority #2 - District Operations

- The district and NRCS meets on a quarterly basis with the County Commissioners to assess county/community needs and to update on the district and NRCS projects
- The district attended the IASCD State Conference in Moscow, ID as well as spring and fall Division I meetings and IDEA meetings held in Boise.
- An annual impartial financial compilation was performed by a local CPA of the district's financial records.

Conservation District Priority # 3 - Water Quality

- The District along with NRCS is actively in the process of completing a lower Kootenai and Moyie River TMDL Implementation Plan.
- Approximately 10,000 acres of Pest Management practices were implemented to target noxious weed problem areas and to improve water quality by reducing herbicide run-off.
- Proper fall nitrogen application on 5000 acres helped to reduce loss of nutrients and improve water quality.

319 Grant

The Twentymile Creek Habitat Restoration 319 grant is approved and the agreement has been signed by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the District. The Boundary County Road and Bridge Department is pursuing the permit process with the Corps of Engineers. The NRCS Engineers have completed their work-study and construction of the bridge will begin as soon as the permits are acquired. This project will address sediment, channel stability, as well as restoring the connection between spawning and rearing of fish and improving overall habitat.

SVAP (Stream Visual Assessment Protocol)

- A team consisting of IASCD and NRCS water quality and technical specialists completed a stream inventory of the Deep Creek Watershed, which is made up of 100,000 acres. Approximately 50 landowners were contacted to request participation in future NRCS and district programs.
- The inventory will result in identifying priority areas needing treatment for a watershed project to reduce sediment and improve water quality.
- NRCS and the district will work with landowners in the future to implement stream and water conservation practices.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- The district had a display at the Capitol in Boise in February during legislative days and at the County Fair.
- The district used the Enviroscape for an outdoor classroom for 5th graders at the Kootenai Refuge as well as a display during the Migratory bird day at the refuge.
- 6 evening workshops were held for the CSP program to help landowners understand the program as well as numerous radio spots, posters and new releases in the newspapers.
- Farm Bureau and the district collaborated to have a community weed tour. The community was able to tour the Tribal Fish Hatchery, a buffalo ranch, a sheep operation, a horse breeding ranch and a very large farm with No-Till planting techniques.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- The district is involved in the KVRI (Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative) and the Wetlands and Riparian Conservation Strategy Subcommittee. The impact brings together agencies, programs and the community to coordinate natural resource interests.
- The district is involved with the Selkirk Weed Management Group and the Smith Creek Mgmt WRP Group.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 7,500
State	District Operations	\$14,107
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$730,000
IDFG	Wetland Restoration	\$20,000
USFWS	Wetland Restoration	\$5,000
Duck's Unlimited	Wetland Restoration	\$40,000
IDL	Tree Planting - Pre-Commercial Thinning	\$5,000

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Fiscal Year 2005

Bruneau River Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Owyhee

Legislative District(s) 23

Function or Conservation District Mission

To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, air, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

35 BMP's were installed on range land and irrigated crop land

2 ½ miles of riparian fencing being installed on 319 grant

9 projects will be installed this spring using the 319 grant

Pasture and Riparian Improvements



Conservation District Priority # 1 Water Quality

- 12 producer conservation plans completed and implemented
- 6 miles of riparian fencing completed
- 8 off site water facilities installed
- Reviewed and accepted the Mid-Snake/Succor TMDL implementation plan
- 10 conversions from surface irrigation to pivots

Conservation District Priority #2 Water Resources/Quantity

- 10 conversions from surface irrigation to pivots
- Encouraged producers to use creek and river water rights before using the deep-water hot wells for irrigation thus reducing 20-30 percent of deep well use. (Bruneau snail)

Conservation District Priority # 3 District Operations

- Ensure continued technical and financial assistance to cooperator to develop and implement programs to conserve renewable natural resources.
- Conduit of non-regulatory natural resource technical, financial, and educational assistance to our landowners, operators, and constituents within our Soil Conservation District.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Set up two irrigation workshops for producers (38 producers attended)
- Provided assistance to:
 - Mid Snake/Succor WAG
 - CJ Strike WAG
 - Jordan Creek WAG

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Facilitated one Conservation Security Program meeting for producers
- Set up Owyhee grant program for water quality improvements

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
NRCS	Conservation	\$ 777,391.00
Homedale Wetlands	Water Quality/District Operation	\$ 104,992.00
Owyhee County	District Operation	\$ 3,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operation	\$ 9,029.00
Clover Flat 319 Project	Riparian restoration	\$ 45,772.50

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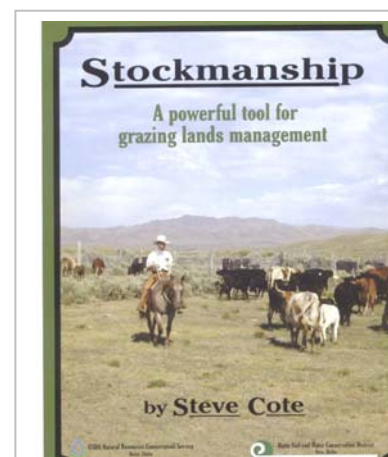




2005 Report of Accomplishments
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Counties Served: Butte
Legislative District: 35

Natural Resource Improvements in 2005 – Summary

- 53 funded Conservation Security Program applications infuse approximately \$1.1 million in economy
- EQIP implementation of high efficiency irrigation systems resulted in about 1,100 acre feet of water saved on five farms and about 1,500 tons of soil from being eroded.
- Wildlife habitat and stream bank conditions have been improved on about 4 miles of creeks and rivers as a result of implementation of CCRP riparian buffers. Use of these areas by wildlife are rising significantly.
- Stockmanship schools have resulted in distribution of the Stockmanship Manual throughout the United States.



It is the goal of the Butte Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors to set high standards for conservation and wise use of the natural resources in the district.

Basic Funding

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 4,200
State	District Operations/Information/Education	\$ 10,800
Stockmanship Manual Sales	District Operations/Information/Education	\$ 7,000
Environmental Quality Incentive Program	Program Delivery	\$377,000
Resource Conservation & Rangeland Development Loan Program	Water Conservation	\$ 60,000
U.S. Fish & Wildlife	Big Lost River Riparian	\$ 9,500
Office of Species Conservation	Little Lost Riparian	\$117,000
Coordinated Weed Management Area	Identification and Prioritization of Noxious Weed Infestation	\$ 25,000
NRCS Salaries	Conservation Programs	\$150,000

Butte SWCD Priority #1 – Assist ranchers and the community with collaborative team building, enhanced range plans and livestock handling training to help them improve range resources and ranch economic outlook.

- Steve Cote's stockmanship presentations - Wisconsin, 2 presentations, 800 total participants, West Virginia, 3 presentations, 125 participants, ISU Range Management Symposium, 40 participants, and IASCD Conference, Moscow (40)
- Distribution of Stockmanship Manual through out US including Alaska and Hawaii and other countries

- EQIP - 30,000 acres of grazing and crop land plans were contracted
 - RCRDP Loan – 1200 acres of whole ranch plan implemented
 - 53 Conservation Security Program contracts for \$1.1 million were developed in 2005
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Butte SWCD Priority #2 – Weed Control

- Supported CWMA with administration
 - Supervisor and administrative assistant took display to Legislative Display
 - 40 Integrated Pest Management plans were contracted under CSP.
 - Countywide draft IPM plan completed.
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Butte SWCD Priority #3 – Water Quality/Quantity

- Participated in three meetings with local irrigation groups to assist them with studies and potential funding for a large pipeline to improve water distribution and enhance river flows in Big Lost River
 - Met with DEQ and local fish hatchery owner to develop an agriculture waste storage pond.
 - Riparian enhancement on practices implemented on 70 acres
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Butte SWCD Priority #4 – Agricultural Land

- CSP Plans on 15,000 acres
 - EQIP Plans on 1200 acres
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Butte SWCD Priority #5 - Information & Education

- 60 6th grade (2 schools) students participated in the poster contest and also attended the Natural Resources Workshop with hands on training in weed control, fish biology, flint napping, forest fire control – follow up by having them participate in the poster contest.
 - Three teams (15 students) attended the Idaho State Envirothon with hands on participation in soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife and this year's current issue managing cultural landscapes.
 - One local student participated in Division VI Speech contest.
 - Contributed to State Forestry and Soils Contest
 - Range Management Symposium – ISU at Pocatello – Steve Cote attended and presented
 - Planted trees for Arbor Day at three elementary schools – involved over 100 students
 - Worked at Conservation Booth at INEL Science Fair
 - Met with county commissioners and interested parties to develop ATV trails.
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Butte SWCD Priority #6 – District Operations

- Work to increase the effectiveness of supervisors by setting policy of attending meetings.
- Evaluate district employee and encourage participations in training and meetings.
- Keep the district financially sound by following SCC Financial Accountability Policies, Guidelines and Procedures and submitting reports in a timely manner.
- Comply with opening meeting law.

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Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Camas Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Camas County

Legislative District(s) Legislative District 25



Conservation District Mission

To promote the wise use of natural resources

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

Through the WQPA program, 92.6 acres of riparian buffer were treated in FY 05. This includes 32,257.3 feet of riparian fencing, 30 log drops, 1 critical area planting and 7 spring developments were installed and cost-shared with the landowners.



Log Drop

Conservation District Priority # 1 - Water Quality

The District adopted and reviewed BMPs from the Natural Resource Conservation Service handbook. One hundred per cent (100%) of the WQPA projects have been focused on improvements to the land that will improve the quality of water. TMDLs are currently being written for the area, but thanks to previous and ongoing BMP installations, significant progress has been made in attaining water quality standards that will meet TMDL requirements.

Conservation District Priority #2 - Reduce Soil Erosion and Improve Water Quality

Through the WQPA program, the District has treated 92.6 acres of riparian buffer, all designed to eliminate the headcuts and bank sloughing that have deposited sediments in the surface waterways. Log drops help stabilize stream gradients, reduce stream velocities, increase groundwater recharge, saturate soils for riparian vegetative communities, provide wildlife habitat, and increase duration of downstream late season flows. The Critical Area Planting allows crop roots to hold the soil in place, also reducing sediments in waterways. The seven spring developments done in FY05 are effective in keeping cattle away from erosive stream banks, again helping to keep surface water clean.

Conservation District Priority # 3 To Improve Rangeland

The District provided cash and in kind contributions to the Southern Idaho Bio-Control program to establish beneficial insects to fight noxious weeds on private and public land, more than 90% of which is rangeland. The Camas Bug Crew began in 1998 supported by Camas SCD and Forest Service donations, and has since grown into a multi-county program that provides summer employment for students who work on the Crews. On each new site, baseline vegetative data is gathered by the students, then insects are released, and the data is entered by the students in a database for review by the Forest Health Protection, USFS. The sites are monitored for insect populations and

effectiveness of weed control. A booklet has been created showing the before and after photos of the original nine sites. The Southern Idaho Bio-Control program now has over ninety sites in four counties that they are monitoring.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

The Camas Soil Conservation District presented hands on training in clean water, geology, paleontology, archeology and wildlife to the Camas fifth graders and teachers at the Little City of Rocks Workshop. Idaho Fish and Game, Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, North Side Canal Company and NRCS provided training at the Little City of Rocks Workshop. David Skinner, District supervisor and falconer, gave a Birds of Prey presentation at the Natural Resources Workshop north of Ketchum.

They also presented a hands-on demonstration of the concepts of conservation to the fifth graders in Camas through the poster contest (Celebrating Conservation) and presented the awards at a year-end assembly before the parents and school staff. The Annual Conservation Speech Contest provided cash and prizes for the top three winners and the opportunity to go on to the Division level competition. The entire speech class from the Camas County High School participated in the contest.

The Camas Soil Conservation District partnered with the Bliss High School to provide sponsorship of an Envirothon team for the 2005 competition.

The district also provides financial support to the Idaho Forestry Contest and the Soil Evaluation Event, both annual events sponsored by other Idaho soil conservation districts.

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
WQPA	Clean Water	\$ 56,780.07
NRCS	EQIP	\$ 56,810.00
Camas County	District Operations	\$ 3,800.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 9,769.85
Total		\$ 127,159.92

Camas Soil Conservation District assisting landowners and operators with their conservation choices through an active cost-share program.



Spring development



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Canyon Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Canyon

Legislative District(s) 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,

Function or Conservation District Mission

The Canyon Soil Conservation District is committed to providing quality leadership, information, education, and technical assistance for the conservation and wise use of natural resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- The Caldwell Field Office developed 11 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts for \$477,884.
- Under the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) projects, one WRP contract started construction in FY-2005 and another project will soon start as the design is being completed.
- There is 11 Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) Contracts developed for \$142,973 for the FY 05.
- The Canyon Soil Conservation District spent \$87,384.04 for Best Management Practices (BMP's) on the Dixie Slough Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA) in FY 05.



Conservation District Priority # 1 Water Quality

- Water Quality articles in the district newsletter.
- The Surge Grant funds are almost spent \$24.34 left.
- There were three Resource Conservation Rangeland Development grants presented to the Board.
- The WAG holds their monthly meeting at the CSCD office. The Lower Boise River WAG provided the final draft for the Coli form DNA.
- A District Cooperation Working Agreement for the 15 Mile Creek (Ada/Canyon) WQPA project was presented to the CSCD Board.
- The Canyon County Local Working Group meeting was held in conjunction with the CSCD monthly board meeting to review the 2005 EQIP ranking sheet.
- Draft sub basin assessment plan for the Lower Snake/Hells Canyon TMDL.
- The sub basin assessment of the Mid Snake/Succor Creek TMDL was approved by the CSCD.
- Lake Lowell Ag Return Drain Water Quality Monitoring Program.
- Marcella Stewart is on the DEQ Nitrate Planning Committee.

Conservation District Priority #2 Urban

- As of July 2005 Lori Kent Canyon Admin. Assist. supplied 100 soil classifications to Canyon County Development Services Department (old name Planning & Zoning).

Conservation District Priority # 3 District Operations

- The FY 05 election material was sent out in August. John Chapman CSCD board member sent a letter of resignation to the board.
- Lori Kent completed the security training to use the NRCS computer.
- Mike Swartz was appointed as a new board member in September.
- The CSCD Financial Review was completed in September.
- The 2004 IASCD Resolutions are discussed and voted on by CSCD.

- The Soil Conservation Aide Position was discussed there are hours left; the board will ask Aaron Wolleson if he would like the hours over the holiday vacation.
- 2005 Election of Offices was held in December the board voted to keep the same officers, Jim Truesdell, Chair, Marcella Stewart V.C., and Rex Runkle, Sec/Treas.
- CSCD received their letter of intent from the Canyon County Commissioner for FY 05 funding.
- Jerry Nicolescu & Christy Mastin from the SCC were asked to attend the January CSCD meeting.
- Division III is hosting IASCD Conference, the first committee meeting was held in January.
- Pamela Scheinost NRCS Soil Conservationist arrived in January.
- The legal notice for the 5-year plan ran the 13th of March.
- Budget material was reviewed & signed.
- IASCD offered the District's \$5,000.00 for Administrative Assistances to help with Farm Bill material.
- The 5-year plan was reviewed & signed.
- The CSCD Board sent the Budget to the Canyon Commissioners in April.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- The CSCD Newsletter goes out to over 1600 cooperators, landowners, & agencies four times a year.
- The Canyon SCD featured a display (I&E Happenings, BMP's, and Unique Crops in Canyon County) at the Local Canyon County Fair and Festival held in July.
- Material for the Soil Stewardship Week, Poster, & Speech contests were sent out to 11 elementary schools and 11 high schools. Sarah Slutz (Canyon SCD speech contestant) made it all the way from 1st place at district level, 1st place at division level and 1st place at state level!
- The CSCD supported the Annual Soil Judging Contest held in Parma at the Hartman Farm.
- The Annual Legislative Luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn in Boise the topic was "Small Acreage Landowners."
- The Annual Legislative Display was held at the Capital.
- CSCD Admin. Assist attended and volunteered at the 2005 Envirothon in Challis.
- CSCD sponsored four students to attend the Natural Resources Workshop.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Canyon SCD Admin. Assist supplied 100 soil classification reports to Planning & Zoning.
- The Local Working Group Meeting meets twice a year to discuss EQIP ranking and other issues.
- The WAG meets once a month in the Canyon Farm Service Center.
- County Agent shares information on irrigation water management field trials.
- NRCS media event held on Earth Day at the CB Springs Wetland north of Parma in Canyon County.
- Jeff Bohr and Roger Hirschman provided training in the use of ARC-GIS to the 4-H Club.

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 7,500.00
State	District Operations	\$ 14,772.00
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 45,253.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 529,398.00

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Fiscal Year 2005

Caribou Soil Conservation District

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Point of Contract Wilder Hatch, Chairman

Counties Served Caribou

Legislative District(s) District 31



Mission Statement

The Caribou Soil Conservation District is dedicated to promoting wise land use, providing information and education and giving assistance to anyone looking for ways of conserving our natural resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

Between EQIP, WHIP, CRP, CCRP and a 319 Water Quality Project the District was able to assist 112 cooperators to install 43 best management practices helping protect the Portneuf, Bear and Blackfoot Rivers from and their tributaries.

These practices include:

- * 2,500 acres of pasture and hayland planting
- * 82,059 ft of exclusion fence installed
- * 7 watering wells drilled
- * 36,177 ft of pipeline, 9 watering troughs installed
- * 2 waste storage facilities, 3 corral berms and earth work
- * 5 windbreaks installed and 1 grass demonstration project



Riparian Buffer

Conservation District Priority # 1

Water Quality

- a) 29,980 ft of irrigation systems, 36,177 ft of pipeline, improving water quality & quantity.
- b) 3,525 feet of stream bank and shoreline protection
- c) 8 spring developments, 4 troughs, 2 pumping plants,
- d) 2 waste storage facilities, 193 acres of use exclusion and
- e) Reviewed agriculture TMPL plan for the Portneuf River

Conservation District Priority #2

Public Outreach

- a) 14 newspaper articles in the local newspaper
- b) 220 posters entered in the IASCD poster contest
- c) Approximately 65 students participating in the State Land and Soil Evaluation Event and Range Contest
- d) 1 Summer Tour
- e) Participated in Soil and Water Stewardship Week
- f) Taught how to make homemade ice cream to kids at the county fair.



Students attending the State Land & Soil Evaluation Event

Conservation District Priority # 3

Rangeland

- a) 12,151 ft of cross fence, 193 acres of use exclusion
- b) 5,680 acres of prescribed grazing
- c) 9 troughs, 8 spring developments, 4 wells
- d) 2 waste storage facilities.
- e) 2,500 acres of pasture and hayland planting



Conservation District Priority # 4

Dry Cropland

- a) Dry cropland is very vital to the economy of the County.
It is managed to provide the most efficient use for a permanent high yielding crop production.
- b) 1 grass demonstration project.

Conservation District Priority # 5

Weed Management

- a) Participated in and sponsored the Highlands Cooperative Weed Management Area program.
- b) Donate to the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign.
- c) Worked with 12 landowners on the control of noxious weeds.



Highlands CWMA

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

The Caribou SCD sponsored this year's regional field day for the State Land and Soil Evaluation Event. The students split up into teams to determine such things as: physical analysis of the soil, soil structure and texture, permeability, water holding capacity and soil depth. The District also sponsored the State Range Contest.

Also important to the District is the Natural Resources Workshop held in Ketchum. They sponsored students to attend this workshop to learn about our natural resources.

Students in the 5th and 6th grade have the opportunity to enter a poster contest. We had two students place in the Division level and one student go on to take second at the state level.

Eight different newspaper articles were put in the local newspaper throughout the year, informing the general public of what's going on with conservation in the county. Six different articles on "Backyard Conservation" ran weekly to let people know of things they could do in their own yards.

A tour was held to look at a Whip project, EQIP project, windbreak and a grass demonstration project south of Grace that the District sponsored.

Distribute information on weed control and USDA programs and services to the general public at the county fair.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design & implement BMPs to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Caribou County	District Operations	\$ 9,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 16,574.00
* DEQ 319 Grant	Water Quality	\$ 136,530.00
** DEQ 319 Grant	Water Quality	\$ 118,381.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 8,500,000.00
Total		\$ 8,780,485.00

* 319 Grant funds received

** 319 Grant funds spent for BMP implementation

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Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

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Counties Served Bingham

Legislative District(s) 27, 28

Function or Conservation District Mission

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Assisted 9 landowners in NRCS EQIP projects, and 1 CCRP project.
- Total conservation acres planned 16,763 and 21,863 applied acres in Bingham County.
- Assisted in establishing 15,986 ft of windbreak/ shelterbelts in Bingham County.
- More than 5 miles of fence established to promote stream bank stabilization.
- 416 acres of flood irrigation converted to sprinkler.



Conservation District Priority # 1 Woodland

- Continued the “tree sale” program to provide a variety of trees at a reduced rate to individuals wishing to plant windbreaks and shelterbelts.
- Provided information in the newsletters to the public on the benefits of planting a windbreak.
- Made available to the public information on controlling weeds, mice and voles in addition to planting instruction to establish a windbreak.

Conservation District Priority #2 Pastureland and Hay

- Helped maintain and promote the grass test plot established in 2002.
- Continue to attend seminars on best management practices for cattle and rangeland.

Conservation District Priority # 3 Irrigated Cropland

- Gave assistance to 6 landowners to convert from surface irrigation to sprinkler irrigation to enable them to better manage soil moisture and optimize available water supplies. Other benefits were reduced irrigation induced soil erosion, reduced surface and ground water pollution, and manage the air, soil, and plant micro-climate.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Published two newsletters a year containing information on new conservation practices, and NRCS programs.
- Mailed flier on the availability of a no-till drill.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Supported the Three Rivers RC&D with dues.
- Supported NACD with dues.
- Supported IASCD with dues.
- Supported the FFA / 4H Land Judging Contest.
- Supported IDEA with dues.
- Sponsored 2 youth to attend the 4H Teen Conference.
- Supported 3 students to map and learn about weeds and ways to control them for the summer of 05.

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County/City	District Operations	\$ 3,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 8,787.55
Tree Sale	District Operations	\$10,000.00

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Report of Accomplishments
Fiscal Year 2005
Clark Soil Conservation District
Address: 302 Profit Street
Address: Rexburg, ID 83440
Telephone Number: (208) 356-5701
Contact: Chairman, Norman Tavenner
County: Clark
Legislative District(s): 35



Function

- To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Assisted two landowners with NRCS EQIP projects
- Using a 319 grant, the stream improvements on Medicine Lodge Creek and Eddie Creek have been completed.
Irving Creek and Fritz Creek are still being worked on.
- Some BMP's implemented on Irving Creek were: willow clumps, vertical willow bundles, toe/armor rock, revetment/horizontal bundles, rock barbs, & grass seeding.
- A 290 foot long heavy duty corral system was completed on Medicine Lodge Creek.
- Stream bank restoration work has been completed on Medicine Lodge Ranch. This consisted of: vertical willow bundles, willow clumps, fascine, which is willow bundles placed along the stream bank for protection, revetments, vertical bundles, pole plantings, rip rap, shape banks, and eight diversions installed.

Conservation District Priority #1 – Rangeland

- Installed 17,571 ft. of fence to help with grazing and vegetation management.
- Six to seven colonies of bugs were released to help control knapweed
- 1,177 was for the use of pasture and hay planting
- Prescribed grazing was established for 1,268 acres.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Irrigated Cropland

- One acre of micro irrigation system was installed
- 151 acres of irrigation sprinklers were installed
- One acre of surface and subsurface irrigation systems were installed
- Irrigation water management plan was developed for 861 acres
- 4,525 ft. of pipeline were installed

Conservation District Priority #3 – Water Quality

- One pumping plant was installed for irrigation water conveyance, manure/wastewater-handling and storage, water management, and well & shaft technology.

- Installed one waste storage facility also for manure/wastewater-handling & storage.
- Installed one water well for well and shaft technology
- Five watering facilities were installed for water supply
- Nutrient management plan was devised for five acres

Information & Education / Public Outreach

- The District held their annual tour on September 15 in conjunction with the Henry's Fork Watershed council. The tour started in Harriman State Park and ended at Sheridan Ranch while looking at conservation projects that have been completed by the NRCS & SCD.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Facilitated one EQIP Local Working Group meeting for producers

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation

Partners to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funding
County/City	District Operations	\$ 5,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 11,447.55
319	Non-point source management	\$ 78,925.50
USDA Farm programs	Conservation	\$ 357,277.00



Rock / toe armor on Medicine Lodge Creek



Rock drop and head gate



Preparing to install corral berm



Report of Accomplishments

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Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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Orofino, ID 83544**

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Point of Contact Terry White, Chairman

Counties Served Clearwater

Legislative District(s) District 8

Function or Conservation District Mission

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil, & water quality, and fish & wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

The district administers two 319 grants – both are on the Lower North Fork of Clearwater River. The Clearwater SWCD works with Idaho Department of Lands three areas- Clearwater, Ponderosa, St. Joe's; Potlatch Corporation- two offices Headquarters & Bovill; and Clearwater Highway District. There has been over \$400,000 spent on improvements made in this area of our district in the way of road obliteration, road abandonment, bridge and culvert replacement. The district continually works with NRCS & SCC on projects in the county to improve water & air quality. Approximately \$25,529 has been spent on WQPA projects in the county in the last fiscal year.

Conservation District Priority # 1:

District Operations & Public Outreach



Farm & Forest Fair



Clearwater County
Fair Booth



6th Grade Forestry Tour
(Logging Operation)



Open House in Weippe with displays
from all the partners: FSA, NRCS,
SCC, Extension Service, IASCD

Conservation District Priority #2

Water Resources – Water Quality



Culvert replacement-
Breakfast Creek



Restored river to original
channel- Reeds Creek



Bridge replacement -
Snake Creek



Road obliteration -
Breakfast Creek

Conservation District Priority # 3

- Air Quality Protection

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Informational Open House for County Residents, Poster Contest, Earth Week Festivities, Farm & Forest Fair, 6th Grade Forestry Tour, Clearwater County Fair Booth, Soil & Water Stewardship Week

Community Collaboration & Coordination

The Clearwater SWCD actively participates and hosts meetings with:

- The Local Working Group (which includes county commissioners, mayors of all communities in the district, and agency heads within the county)
- The district also takes the lead on organizing meetings of the Watershed Advisory Group.
- The district hosted an informational open house in Weippe this past year. The public was notified through the news media (i.e. radio, newspaper) and invited to come and ask questions regarding agricultural programs offered through the federal government, state government, and other entities.

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
319 Funds- Lower North Fork Clearwater River Phase I	Addresses the non-point source pollution in the LNFCR project area and focuses on BMP implementation efforts in mostly forestland	Total project cost: \$370,771.88 319 funds: \$202,239.21
319 Funds- Lower North Fork Clearwater River Phase II	Addresses the non-point source pollution in the LNFCR project area and focuses on BMP implementation efforts in mostly forestland	Total project cost: \$693,802.00 319 funds: \$349,973.00
WQPA	Purpose is to treat agricultural water quality concerns with the Jim Ford Creek watershed to support beneficial uses.	\$25,528.81

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The Gordon Hueth Project was a joint effort between the Hueths and the soil conservation district using funds from the Water Quality Cost-Share Program for Idaho. This effort was also accomplished with assistance from University of Idaho staff. The U of I staff conducted in stream monitoring in conjunction with the district's implementation efforts. It was set up as a demonstration project to show improvements in stream riparian restoration over a period of time. The project reduced a tremendous potential for streambank erosion and sedimentation to Jim Ford Creek. Total WQPA funds expended on this project were \$17,185.27 out of the original \$26,436.

Gordon Hueth Project



Before



After



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Custer Soil and Water Conservation District

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Point of Contact Ted O'Neal, Chairman

Counties Served Serving Custer and Lemhi Counties

Legislative District 35

Conservation District Mission: *Providing action and information at the local level for promoting wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with an emphasis on soil and water.*

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 1) 12 Cooperators installed approx. 12 miles of riparian fence protecting over nine miles of stream through BPA's Fish and Wildlife Program.
- 2) Completed two water conservation/diversion elimination projects and installed one flume providing stream reconnect benefits through BPA's Fish and Wildlife Program.
- 3) Implemented educational programs in the District and local schools
- 4) Provided general assistance to more than 50 cooperators in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, IDA and ISCC (EQIP, WHIP projects including six CAFOs, one water conservation and one riparian protection project).
- 5) Approved Conservation Easement for fish and wildlife benefits within the BPA program.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – District Operations

Utilize a comprehensive and effective information and education program to promote and enhance District programs and increase public awareness.

- Utilize an I&E program to assist in accomplishing District goals and objectives
- Comply with Federal, State, and District laws.
- Utilize educational program to enhance conservation awareness within the schools, cooperators and the public.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Quality and Water Quantity

Address conditions of Fisheries and Wildlife resources within the District while maintaining multiple use and meeting regulations of the Clean Water Act, Antidegradation and Endangered Species Act.

- Maintain and improve resource conditions on wetlands areas and riparian pastures.
- Implement the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Project plan to deal with Salmon, resident and bull trout issues within the District.
- Fulfill responsibilities for salmon recovery projects planned under the USBWP and implemented through BPA and other Fish and Wildlife Programs.
- Identify and provide input on the USBWP of priority areas and generate local support for stream enhancements within the watershed.

- Seek non-traditional funding and additional technical assistance for implementation of best management practices within the District.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Animal Waste Management

Address landowner's needs in the management of Animal Feedlot Operations and Confined Feedlot Operations within the District to meet EPA standards by 2005.

- Assist landowners identify AFOs/CAFOs on private property and seek assistance from IDA and ISCC Water Quality Planner to design practices and implement funding.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- IASCD Poster Contest and Speech Contests (5 participated, two attended Division VI meeting)
- State Envirothon Competition (5 teams sponsored at the State Envirothon)
- Natural Resource Awareness Day (reaching over 300 elementary students annually)
- Annual 5th Grade Outdoor Conservation Field Day
- 4th Grade Bread in a Bag (Co-sponsored by the Idaho Wheat Commission)
- Provided financial support to the Idaho Land Judging and Forestry Contests
- Participated Legislative Display at the State Capitol in February.
- Participated at Custer County Fair with "edible aquifer" and water model.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Sponsored Annual Conservation Field Tour to show benefits of Bonneville Power funded projects
- Sponsored two Confined Animal Feedlot Operation Workshops in cooperation with the IDA, ISCC and University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service.
- Coordinate with ISCC Water and Landowners to conduct TMDL surveys.
- Attended Upper Salmon Basin Technical Team meetings and Advisory Team Meetings.
- Attended Sub-Basin Planning Meetings coordinated by the USBWP.

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Custer County	District Operations	\$ 2,500.00
Lemhi County	District Operations	\$ 500.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 8,788.00
Bonneville Power Administration	Salmon Recovery	\$ 714,332.00
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 2,850.00
Idaho Fish and Game	Sage Grouse Recovery	\$ 15,603.00
Bureau of Reclamation	Irrigation Improvements	\$ 5,098.00
OSC- PCSRF	Salmon Recovery	\$ 21,665.00
USDA Farm Program	Conservation (EQIP/WHIP)	\$ 228,570.00
U. S. Fish and Wildlife	Fish and Wildlife Funding	\$ 11,500.00
		\$1,008,546.00

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East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District

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Burley, ID 83318

Telephone Number 208.678.1225 x3

Point of Contact Ken Woodworth, chair

Counties Served Cassia County

Legislative District(s) 27

Function or Conservation District Mission

► The East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District sets high standards for conservation of the natural resources within the district. We encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, and elected officials to accomplish conservation goals.

Natural Resource Improvements

Covering all of Cassia County:

- 159 Best Management Practices in various stages of implementation or completed for Fiscal Year 2005.
- 75 active EQIP contracts.
- 176 current CRP Contracts covering 50,872 acres bringing \$1,599,752 into the county.
- General technical assistance provided to approximately 250-300 land owners each year.



Almo Creek Riparian Project

Covering East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District:

- Almo Riparian Restoration 219 Project, in its' final stages, involving 8 land owners and \$168,800 in grant money.
- Approximately 54% of all Cassia County EQIP Contracts and BMPs are in East Cassia SWCD and are being implemented in various stages and involving both irrigated and rangeland improvements.
- Raft River at the Narrows Riparian Restoration Project involving approximately 350 acres with \$187,000 in grant money allocated.
- Maintenance Work done on Raft River Blowing Dust and Snow Control Demonstration Project Windbreak.

Conservation District Priority #1 District Operations

- Board meetings held monthly which are open to the public and the media. Review budget and financial statements. The 5-year plan is revised and updated annually.
- Met with elected Cassia County Commissioners to review the proposed budget as a basis for requesting county funding.
- Keep informed of potential or existing legislation that impacts the district. Draft appropriate legislation for presentation at the IASCD annual conference.
- Have representation to the Legislative Luncheon (Jan.) Division IV Meetings (Mar. & Oct.), and the IASCD Conference (Nov.)

Conservation District Priority #2 Information & Education / Public Outreach

- Co-sponsor / Host the Idaho State Land & Soil Evaluation Event for 4-H and FFA students.
- Prepare and mail Quarterly Newsletters to 814 local land owners, which includes an Annual Report of work activities accomplished during the fiscal year and conservation information.

- ▶ Provide information to school age students within the district on the Natural Resources Workshop Camp, Know Your Government, 5th & 6th grade Poster Contest , High School Speech Contest, Envirothon, and provide 2 annual Scholarship Awards, all reaching a total of some 800+ students.
- ▶ Planning a tour for 2008 which includes range, irrigation, and district projects.
- ▶ Held Annual Awards Banquet to honor a Cooperator of the Year and present other conservation awards.
- ▶ Manage the annual tree sale providing seedling trees for windbreaks and other conservation purposes.

Conservation District Priority # 3 Water Resources

- ▶ Completing work on the Almo Riparian Restoration Project to satisfy TMDL goals. This project involves 8 land owners, and brought in \$168,800 in EPA grant money.
- ▶ Raft River at the Narrows Riparian Restoration Project underway covering approximately 350 acres and 5 stream miles along the Raft River. \$187,000 in grant money has been allocated.
- ▶ Keep current on Animal Waste Management practices and concerns. Support Animal Waste Composting efforts through conservation plans and providing information to the public.
- ▶ Improve water quality through reduced water erosion and dust erosion by encouraging good conservation practices through education. Some 159 projects currently underway in Cassia Co.

Conservation District Priority # 4 Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Cropland

- ▶ Review and approve conservation plans developed by NRCS.
- ▶ 100+ volunteers helped with clean-up project on the Raft River Valley Blowing Snow & Dust Control Demonstration Project Windbreak located near Cottrell Port of Entry. (shown at right) →

Conservation District Priority # 5 Rangeland

- ▶ Encouragement and education brush control, range seeding, pest control, fire control practices, drought concerns, stock water improvements, and planned grazing systems. *This is the area where the majority of East Cassia's BMP cooperators are involved.



Community Collaboration & Coordination

- ▶ Member/Sponsor of the Mid-Snake R C & D.
 - ▶ Member of the WAG and BAG Committees.
- Youth help clean out Windbreak*

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Cassia County	County Funding for District Operations	\$ 2,500.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 8,068.80
EQIP Contract Funding (combined with West Cassia)	Implementation of Conservation Plans	\$ 869,851.00
Grant money	Improve water quality on the Raft River Raft River at the Narrows Project	\$ 187,000.00
CRP (total for all of Cassia Co.)		\$ 1,599,752.00
EPA Grant money	Almo Riparian Restoration Project	\$ 168,800.00
Total funding:		\$ 2,835,971.80

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East Side Soil and Water Conservation District

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Point of Contact Matt Woodard, District Chairman

Counties Served Bonneville (Snake River east)

Legislative District(s) 31, 32, 33

Function or Conservation District Mission

To deliver natural resource technology and education to promote wise use of natural resources and to promote management practices to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations in the East Side Soil & Water Conservation District through a pro-active approach.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 10,158 acres of grazing land received conservation practices to protect the resources.
- 3 cooperators installed 107 water & sediment basins to control erosion and contain sediment from reaching Snake River.
- 835 acres were treated and 215 tons of soil loss was reduced through installation of conservation practices.
- 1284 acres were seeded to permanent vegetation in the USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).



Building Water & Sediment Basins

Conservation District Priority # 1 Water Quality

- 3 landowners applied Best Management Practice (BMP) Conservation Tillage to protect 1993 acres from soil erosion.
- 107 Water & Sediment Basins were installed in the Antelope Creek and Granite Creek WQPA project protecting South Fork of Snake River from sediment.
- Best Management Practice (BMP) Chiseling/Subsoiling was applied to 948 acres to reduce erosion and enhance soil quality.

Conservation District Priority #2 Rangeland

- 6 Spring Developments, 2 wells, and approximately 4000 feet of pipeline were installed for livestock grazing.
- 6 miles of cross fencing was installed for grazing management.

Conservation District Priority # 3 Erosion Control and Wildlife Habitat

- Trout Unlimited through USDA programs EQIP and WRP and District RCRDP grant installed upgrade of irrigation system from diverting water from creek to pivot and installing 8,119 feet of fence to restore Garden Creek for Cutthroat trout habitat.

- 1,928 trees and shrubs and 16,610 feet of fabric weed barrier were installed in several small acreages to protect from wind erosion and enhance wildlife habitat using cost-share funds through USDA Farm Programs the Environmental Incentives Program (EQIP) and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP).

Conservation District Priority # 4 District Operations

- District Chairman met with County Commissioners to express funding needs and concerns.
- District was represented at the Idaho Association of Conservation Districts (IASCD) *Legislative Displays* at the State Capitol.
- Supervisors and Staff attended the annual IASCD Conference to receive training and information necessary to meet the needs of cooperators and carry out effective District programs.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Sponsored Weed Seminar with 55 participants and 3 pesticide recertification credits offered. Industry, Professional, and University presentations.
- Participated in INEEL Science Expo and Water Awareness events targeted for 6th grade students.
- Edited and published a bi-monthly newsletter – articles written on conservation programs/accomplishments, noxious weeds and control methods, special District projects/events.
- Sponsored 2 teams (ten students) to the IASCD Idaho Envirothon competition.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- District Chair holds membership on Upper Snake BAG
- District is member of Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce – represented on Board of Directors and as Chair of Agriculture Committee.
- Member/Sponsor on High Country Resource Conservation Development (RC&D) Council.
- Participates in the Willow Creek and South Fork WAGs.

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Bonneville County	District Operations	\$ 6,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 12,777.00
State of Idaho Water Quality		
Program for Agriculture	Water Quality	\$ 89,676.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 244,800.00
TOTAL		\$ 353,253.00

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Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District

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Mountain Home, Idaho 83647**

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Point of Contact John F. Kieffer, Chairman

Counties Served Elmore

Legislative District(s) 22

Function or Conservation District Mission

The Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District is dedicated to working together to conserve our natural resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Conservation plans were developed on 7,206 acres
- 538 acres were converted from surface to sprinkler irrigation
- One wind break installed to benefit wildlife and erosion control
- Assisted eighteen cooperators install seventeen different Best Management Practices.



Conservation District Priority # 1 - Water Quantity

- 21,438 feet of buried pipelines installed to improve irrigation water management
- 6 structures installed
- 1 gated pipe system installed for water savings and irrigation efficiency
- 538 acres converted from surface irrigation to sprinkler irrigation to reduce erosion

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Quality

- 2 Animal Feeding Operations waste facilities were installed
- Planted willows on 4,425 feet on stream bank for shading and bank restoration
- Installed 60 feet of riprap to control stream bank erosion
- Sponsor for Canyon Creek Erosion Control Project to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality

Conservation District Priority # 3 – District Operations/Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Published 4 quarterly newsletters on conservation programs for approximately 450 subscribers
- Sponsored the annual ninth grade field day for 300 junior high school students
- Conducted the annual IASCD Poster Contest for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students
- Sponsored a fair book at the Elmore County Fair
- Sponsor scholarships for students to attend the Natural Resource Workshop

Conservation District Priority #4 – Rangeland

- 10,210 feet of fence installed to facilitate a prescribed grazing system
- 20,524 feet of fence installed for improve grazing management and livestock exclusion from a riparian area
- Installed a spring development to keep livestock out a riparian area and benefit to wildlife
- 1,150 acres of brush chemically treated to reduce competition for desirable grasses

Conservation District Priority #5 – Woodland

- Developed two conservation plans for future implementation

Conservation District Priority # 6 – Fish & Wildlife

- 680 feet of windbreak planted with wildlife friendly woody species
- 120 acres of riparian and other critical wildlife areas fenced to exclude livestock grazing

Conservation District Priority # 7 – Soil Erosion

- 538 acres were converted from surface irrigation to sprinkler irrigation
- 680 feet of windbreak installed to reduce wind erosion to cropland
- One of the main purposes of the Canyon Creek Erosion Control Project

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Co-sponsor of IASCD Division III Legislative Outreach Luncheon for elected officials

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

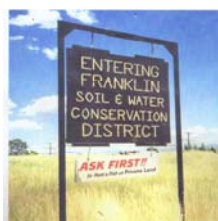
Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Elmore County	District Operations	\$ 5,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 11,447.55
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 349,451.00
USDA Administration	Farm Bill Assistance CSP	\$ 9,757.04
WQPA	Erosion Control/Water Quality	\$ 30,000.00

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Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005
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Counties Served Franklin
Legislative Districts District 31 (state) 2nd Congressional District (federal)



Conservation District Mission

To support high quality and effective projects that engage private landowners, primarily farmers and ranchers, in the conservation and enhancement of wildlife and natural resources on their lands.

We place high priority on innovative concepts that integrate conservation practices in ongoing agricultural and ranching operations.

Conservation District Priority # 1 – Development and Prioritization of Programs.

Goal: To provide opportunities for community participation, prioritize our conservation planning requests, identify key areas, and provide conservation plans and designs for future implementation.

319 FY 2006 Deep Creek Watershed application

BoR Water 2025 Preston Whitney Reservoir Company irrigation efficiency application

IDWR: Preston Whitney Reservoir Preliminary Engineering study

IDWR: Winder Lateral Preliminary Engineering study

IDWR: Preston Whitney Irrigation Fairview Lateral Preliminary Engineering application

USDA:NRCS TSP: Irrigation Systems, 7 irrigation projects (design, construction inspection, certification)

Development of PacifiCorp Idaho Irrigation Efficiency Services

Conservation District Priority #2 – Implementation of Conservation Programs

Goal: To develop, restore, and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of Franklin County waters and to improve the forage and water use on adjacent cropland and wildlands.

Tsp: Animal Waste Inspections-6 projects (construction inspection)

319: Porter streambank restoration –installed 2 weirs, 2 barbs and planted riparian willows

Dyer Woad Bag of Woad-15 students pulled 11 bags of noxious weeds

Cloud seeding in 5 Bear River watershed counties, total of 35 generators

IASCD: Bear River water quality monitoring, 6 streams biweekly



Conservation District Priority # 3 – Representation

Goal: Maintain and enhance partnerships by participation and assisting with the environmental efforts of grassroots organizations, local businesses, federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, and the general public.

IASCD Division V Fall meeting in Montpelier, ID/ Division V spring Meeting in Pocatello, ID

IASCD State conference in Moscow, ID

Bear River Resource Conservation and Development Council

IDEA Employee education workshops summer and fall

Pacific Region Conservation District Employee Association training in Anchorage, AK

National Conservation District Employee Association annual meeting in Atlanta, GA

National Association of Conservation Districts Pacific Region meeting in Anchorage, AK

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

Goal: To provide public education of the importance of maintaining and improving natural resources and all conservation concerns while encouraging and developing well-balanced, positive district leadership.

District Tour: Hydraulic ram water pump livestock watering facility

Boise Legislature Display: Theme- Conservation Partnership

Preston 5th grade: 180 students received natural resource presentation on “Celebrate Conservation”

Preston 2nd grade: 210 students received a presentation using tracks, skulls, scats, and pelts of mammals of the Northwest.

Franklin County Fair: Theme- Leafy Spurge

Franklin County High School: 75-hour Ecology Course

5th Grade Poster contest: Celebrate Conservation



Community Collaboration & Coordination

North Cache SCD, specifically Cub River Watershed

District V Cloud seeding Consortium

Dyer Woad Biological Research Project

USFWS: Oxford Slough, Water Fowl Production Habitat

Bear River Water Quality Task Force

Twin Lakes Irrigation Oneida Dam Proposal

Preston Area Chamber of Commerce

Preston 8th grade Gifted and talented science students

Bear River BAG TMDL meeting for public comments

Franklin County Fish & Game Association, Cub River fish habitat

PacifiCorp Bear River Environmental Coordinating Committee, Cutthroat Trout habitat



Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District partners with any entity whose mission, goals, and objectives align itself with ours.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
USDA-FSA-Farm Bill: CRP**	Conservation	1,345,632
USDA-NRCS-Farm Bill: EQIP*	Natural Resource Improvement	264,000
USDA-NRCS:TSP**	Engineering/ inspection/certification	26,366
USDI-BoR-Water 2025: Preston Whitney Reservoir*	Irrigation efficiency	300,000
State of Idaho	District operation	26,357
319: Bear River Watershed AFOs*	Animal waste	120,102
319: Cub River**	Water quality	15,000
IDWR: PWI Fairview Lateral*	Preliminary engineering	7,000
SCC-RCRDP grants: Schvaneveldt*	Land resources/water conservation	10,000
Franklin County	District operation	12,705
Preston City	Water quantity	1,000
PacifiCorp-ECC: Williams Creek*	Cutthroat Trout fish habitat	25,000
District V Cloud Seeding**	Water quantity	20,000

*Grant Approved

**Funds spent for Implementation

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Counties Served Gem
Legislative District(s) 11

Function or Conservation District Mission

- The function of the district is to set high standards for conservation of soil, water and related natural resources and encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and elected officials, through education, technical support and financial assistance.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- A total of 113 cooperators ask for and received technical assistance resulting in 8 new EQIP contracts making the total active contracts 67.
- Four of the 319 funded projects were sediment basins preventing an estimated 94.6 tons of sediment from reaching Bissel Creek and the Lower Payette River.
- 1997 acres of Wildlife Habitat were installed, and signed two new WHIP contracts.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

- Implementing BMP's with the assistance of 319 funds in the amount of \$200,000 of the \$270,000 and have applied for Phase II.
- Educating cooperators on the benefits of the No-Till Drill tillage.
- EQIP this year has eight contracts funded for \$243, 420 in cost share covering 464 acres.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Animal Waste Management

- Three systems have been installed for animal waste management, one large dairy, one large animal feeding operation and one smaller feeding operation, included with projects will be a full Nutrient Management plan.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – District Operations

- Accepts the responsibility to reserve a locally administered voluntary approach for control and abatement of agricultural non-point source pollution to protect and enhance the quality and value of water resources.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Annually the district observes Arbor Day by handing out 480 two-year old seedlings to the area third graders and educating them to the importance of planting trees.
- The annual tour this year was a virtual tour of project through out the district, with a PowerPoint Presentation, giving the participants the opportunity to see more.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- A Bio-assessment of Bissel Creek was done in May with Five people walking 3.8 miles, assessing 10 individual reaches using Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP) & Streambank Erosion Condition Inventory (SECI). Then a landowner meeting took place to everyone in the effected watershed to discuss results.
- The draft of the implementation plan for Bissel Creek was a direct accomplishment of the Bio-assessment.
- Participation in the Lower Payette WAG and provided technical as well as clerical assistance.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 5,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 11,448.00
USDA Farm Bill Programs	Conservation	\$243,420.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non-Point Source Pollution/Water Quality	\$270,000.00
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 62,000.00
Total		\$591,868.00

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Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Gooding Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Gooding County

Legislative District(s) Legislative District 25

Conservation District Mission

“Educate Don’t Legislate”

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

The District has put in two more windbreaks in the Trees Against the Wind Program, a program designed for multiple improvements including wildlife habitat, clean air, safety for the motoring public, and a hands-on learning experience for the fourth grade students who participated in a classroom demonstration on proper planting techniques and the benefits of trees and windbreaks followed by an afternoon planting hundreds of junipers, lilacs and other species. The Miles and Pavkov windbreaks (2,500 linear feet) bring the total windbreaks currently in the program to eight with a total of 19,570 linear feet of windbreak trees. Other windbreaks that have been planted through District projects not included in the Trees Against the Wind Program total an additional 60,666 linear feet.



Conservation District Priority # 1 - Water Quality

The District adopted and reviewed BMPs from the Natural Resource Conservation Service handbook, promoted RCRDP loans, completed various presentations to groups regarding water quality. Over forty RCRDP, EQIP, surface to sprinkler conversion and windbreak projects done in the last ten years have contributed to the improvement of water quality in this District thereby translating into implementing TMDL load requirements before those requirements were provided.

Conservation District Priority #2 Information and Education

Little City of Rocks Workshop for Fifth graders in Gooding and Camas Counties – the District sponsors, organizes, prepares booklets and a newsletter for 250 students. This year the District staff presented the archeology station, grinding grain with a mano and matate and throwing spears with an atlatle. The other stations are Geology, Paleontology, Wildlife and Water Awareness, all taught by agency experts.

Poster Contest – District staff gave a “Celebrating Conservation” presentation with hands-on activities to all fifth grader students in the District with cash and trophy prizes to the top three winners.

Speech Contest- Celebrating Conservation was the theme for the speech contest and the District presented cash awards to the top two speakers who then went on the division level.

Soil Evaluation Event – Gooding SCD contributes a cash donation to the event held in Burley. The Gooding High School FFA team took first place last year and went on to the national event held in Oklahoma.

Forestry Contest- The District supports this program held in northern Idaho with a cash donation. When Trees Against the Wind: The 4th grade class at Wendell planted both the Miles & Pavkov windbreaks, they were given a classroom presentation by District staff on the value of trees, how to plant a tree, and taking pride in a job well done. The District newsletter was sent out twice to a total of 6,579 rural box holders. The Nature Hike newsletter was given to 250 students, teachers, and administrators.

Conservation District Priority # 3 To Improve Water Quality in the District

In fiscal year 2005, the District entered into a 319 Grant sub-agreement with DEQ to address the high nitrate levels in the Bliss Nitrate Project area. The first year of this year-year project was dedicated to collecting baseline data on irrigation practices, crop rotations and fertilizer rates and timing. Soil samples were taken throughout the crop season on multiple fields and water samples were taken on designated wells and surface waters. The technician worked with 100% of the landowners in the project area who are participating voluntarily with the goal of reducing the nitrates found in the groundwater.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

The Gooding Soil Conservation District presented hands on training in clean water, geology, paleontology, archeology and wildlife to 250 fifth graders and teachers at the Little City of Rocks Workshop. Idaho Fish and Game, Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, North Side Canal Company and NRCS provided training at the Little City of Rocks Workshop

They also presented a hands-on demonstration of the concept of conservation to 250 fifth graders in Gooding through the poster contest. Those schools are the Wendell Middle School, Gooding Middle School, Bliss Grade School, Hagerman Elementary School and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind.

The Gooding Soil Conservation District partnered with the Gooding High School and provided three Envirothon teams, one of which won the state competition and went on to compete at the national competition in North Carolina in August.

The Gooding Soil Conservation District worked with Idaho Dept of Ag, DEQ, and NRCS, and University of Idaho Extension Service on the Bliss Nitrate Project during the year.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
DEQ	Clean water	\$ 3,360.00
NRCS	Clean water	\$ 184,515.00
Gooding County	District Operations	\$ 4,000.00
State of Idaho	RCRDP contracts (29)	\$ 693,076.68
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 10,117.55
Total		\$ 895,069.23

Gooding Soil Conservation District assisted landowners & operators with their conservation choices at the Thousand Springs Festival in Hagerman by displaying information regarding nitrates in groundwater and the use of biological controls on specific noxious weeds through the Southern Idaho Bio-Control Program sponsored by the Gooding Soil Conservation District.



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District

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Point of Contact

Counties served

Legislative District

Scott Wasem, Idaho SWCD Chairman

Idaho County

District 8



Function of the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District

To take available, technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water and related resources. The Board of Supervisors will encourage the voluntary participation of the landowners to implement best management practices, while considering the economic impact of the conservation measures in the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District.

Natural Resource Improvements in 2005 - Summary

- Cottonwood Creek TMDL Implementation Phase I & II (2001-2005)
- Direct Seeding – 5,225 acres of managing the amount, orientation and distribution of crop and other plant residues on the soil surface year round, while growing crops in narrow slots or tilled or residue free strips in soil previously untilled by full- width inversion implements; additionally the same acres were required to meet nutrient management standards.
- Other best management practices: filter strip, sediment basin, pasture and hay land planting, and one animal feeding operation (fencing, off-site watering, animal walkways and access roads)
- With the best management practices being implemented in the DEQ 319 Non-Point Source program and the SCC Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA), an estimated 122,030 tons of sediment did not reach the South Fork Clearwater River.
- Division II Animal Feeding Operations – Idaho County had seven active contracts since 2002, keeping 1,024 head of livestock from entering the streams. Producers have been implementing best management practices including: constructing three miles of fences, the installation of off-site watering facilities, building of access roads, animal trails and walkways, construction of diversions, stream bank and shoreline protection. The riparian area that has been improved is over 7,000 feet; thereby eliminating erosion of soil and nutrient pollution into the 303-d listed waters in Idaho County.
- BPA – Lower Red River Restoration – 1994-2004 Stream channel stability and restoring the ecosystem into a healthy, self-sustaining state by enhancing the quantity and quality of fish and wildlife habitat; this project encompasses 314 acres and 1.5 miles of Red River.



Conservation District Priority # 1 District Operations

- The Idaho SWCD held ten district operations meetings and six special meetings for project implementation.
- The Idaho SWCD was represented, by two supervisors and the district staff, at the IASCD Division II semi annual meetings and IASCD Annual Conference.
- The Idaho SWCD completed all required administrative and financial reports to the SCC.

Conservation District Priority # 2 Water Quality

3 Non-irrigated Cropland

- Implementation of the best management practices was in the second year of over 30 contracts; three new contracts were signed. The Idaho SWCD was revising the participant eligibility policy in the spring of 2005, then announcing a second sign up period that ended in July 2005. In June, six applications had been received.

Conservation District Priority # 4 Animal Waste Management

- Completion of seven animal feeding operations; cost share funding from 319 and WQPA.
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Conservation District Priority # 5 Rangeland

- Idaho Weed Initiative – provide technical assistance to promote weed management practices.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Present annual budget to the County Commissioners, including a presentation on district accomplishments.
- Quarterly newsletter – informational articles on best management practice implementation and funding assistance programs; (October, January, April, July); mailing list of 900.
- Conservation Tree Program – free distribution of 6000 seedlings received from the USFS; conservation sales of 7240 tree and shrub seedlings; approximately 100 landowners benefited.
- Grangeville 6th Grade Classroom and Field presentation; (9/04) students (75) adults (25).
- Grazing Conference – coordinated with the NRCS and IASCD Division II; (January 2005) 150 adults.
- Idaho State Capitol – Idaho SWCD display at Legislative Session (February 22-23).
- Attend cereal grain growers annual spring meeting – encourage producers to contact the district office for technical and financial assistance with bmp implementation; 150 adults.
- Idaho County Fair – ISWCD information booth (August 2004)

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Idaho County Local Working Group – ID SWCD convenes the LWG for review of the Farm Bill Programs being administered by the NRCS; the agencies invited to participate are: IDFG, IDL, BLM, FSA, Idaho County Committee for FSA, UI Extension Services, Nez Perce Tribe, NRCS and ID SWCD.
- South Fork Clearwater River Watershed Advisory Group (SFCWAG) – TMDL Assessment and program implementation; administrative assistance as directed by the SFCWAG and DEQ.
- IASCD 2004 Conference – hosted by IASCD Division II: Clearwater, Latah, Lewis, Nezperce and Idaho SWCD; conference attendance 250 adults.
- City of Grangeville – Arbor Day Celebration. The Idaho SWCD submitted the grant application for the City; the district was responsible for coordinating the community activities.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners –

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
ID Soil Conservation Commission (SCC)	District Operations – Base & Match	\$ 10,118.00
Idaho County Commissioner's	District Operations – Base Budget	\$ 4,000.00
Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)	Red River Restoration/administration	\$ 104,796.00
ID Department of Environmental Quality	319-NPS – TMDL Implementation/admin	\$ 40,800.00
Idaho SCC	WQPA – TMDL Implementation/admin	\$ 52,224.00
Idaho SCC / Idaho DEQ	Division II AFO Implementation/admin	\$ 22,376.00
Idaho SCC / Idaho DEQ	WAG – Admin. Assistance	\$ 1,735.00
Nat. Res. Conservation Service (NRCS)	Farm Bill/Non-FB – Admin. Assistance	\$ 5,187.00
Idaho Association of Conservation Districts	Farm Bill/Non-FB – Admin. Assistance	\$ 10,000.00
USDA – Conservation Security Program Environmental Quality Incentive Program Conservation Reserve Program	CSP 153 new contracts EQIP 7 new contracts CRP 8 new contracts	\$ 1.6 million
The CSP is a program to reward the best conservation and other Farm Bill programs are to motivate the rest.		

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with their conservation choices and
implementation of
best management practices.*



Report of Accomplishments
Fiscal Year 2005
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County Served: Jefferson
Legislative District: 35



Conservation District Mission

The Jefferson SWCD is dedicated to promoting good sound conservation and coordinates technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible management that conserves and improves soil, water, and other natural resources on the land.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Instrumental in windbreak plantings to provide wind protection, wildlife habitat, and aesthetics. 13,830 trees & shrubs sold to 237 landowners along with 40,000 feet of fabric mulch. 4 CCRP windbreaks planted involving 11,330 feet in 12 rows.
- Reduction of noxious weeds through Annual Weed Meeting where 54 landowners attended; also through County Fair, Newsletters, and Menan Leafy Spurge Initiative.



2 year old windbreak consisting of
Hybrid Poplars and Blue Spruce

Conservation District Priority # 1 - Weed Management

- Assisted Jefferson County Weed Department with cost-share agreements for Menan Leafy Spurge Initiative Projects. Seven landowners participated involving about 525 acres.
- Organized and sponsored annual district weed awareness meeting reaching 54 landowners. Very successful.
- 5 news articles on weeds printed in September, March and June district newsletters.

Conservation District Priority #2 - Irrigated Cropland

- Provided technical assistance, including ditch and canal surveys, to 3 cooperators to help improve their irrigation water management.
- Provided administrative assistance and submitted 22 EQIP applications for improved water management. 15 of these EQIP applications were approved.
- Promoted windbreak plantings through CCRP, WHIP, Conservation Tree Sales Program, Newsletters, and office display. Provided technical assistance on tree species, spacing, seedbed prep, planting, watering, and weed control. Assisted in planting 4 windbreaks along cropland including 11,330 feet in 12 rows. Very beneficial for wind erosion.
- Held Local Conservation Working Group Meeting. Instrumental in obtaining EQIP funding for surface water irrigated cropland.

Conservation District Priority # 3 - Water Quality

- Provided fertilizer recommendations to 21 cooperators for nutrient management.
- Provided engineering design for waste storage facility to local dairy operator.
- Attended all South Fork WAG meetings and kept the district board informed on happenings. Helped obtain funding and administered financial and clerical assistance to the WAG.
- Groundwater quality presentations were given to twelve 6th grade classes and at 4-H Camp reaching 375 students.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Newsletter published September, December, March and June reaching 1100 cooperators each publication.
- Participated in County Fair reaching about 350 people with a weed exhibit.
- District tour held for supervisors, spouses, county weed, extension agent, commissioners, and NRCS staff. Toured Diversion Dam, bio weed control release sites sweeping for flea beetles, and 2 CCRP windbreaks.
- Participated in INEEL Science Expo with booth “Dig in, Get Your Hands Dirty”, reaching over 10,000 people.
- Nominated cooperator as Conservation Farmer of the Year. Presented award at Rigby Chamber of Commerce Farmer Merchant Banquet in March.
- Participated in Legislative Display at the State Capitol Building.
- Participated in the “Welcome to Jefferson County” Night with a District Display reaching 150 patrons.
- Conducted annual Conservation Poster Contest reaching 300 students. All participants received a certificate.
- Provided a \$100 scholarship for student to attend Natural Resources Workshop in Ketchum.
- Conducted annual Conservation Speech Contest. District winner went on to compete at State Contest.
- Assisted with the Regional Soils/Land Judging Contest held in our District. 85 students participated.
- Provided \$200 scholarship to FFA team to compete at the National Soils/Land Judging Competition.
- Provided groundwater presentation to 75 students at 4-H Camp.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Organized and sponsored Weed Awareness Meeting for landowners
- Coordinated Menan Leafy Spurge Initiative Project Jefferson County
- Participant in “Welcome to Jefferson County” Night
- Participant in South Fork WAG and provided clerical assistance for 3 meetings

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 5,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 11,447.55
Upper Snake River CWMA	Weed Management	\$ 1,118.54
IASCD/NRCS	Farm Bill Administrative Assistance	\$ 1,567.36
State	South Fork WAG	\$ 528.54
USDA Farm Programs*	Conservation/EQIP	\$ 572,114.00

* Entire Jefferson County/ includes
Three Conservation Districts

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FFA Land Judging Contest held in Jefferson SWCD



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

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Counties Served Kootenai and Shoshone Counties

Legislative District(s) 2, 3, 4, 5



Conservation District Mission

“Putting Conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship”

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- The KSSWCD worked with 7 landowners within the Lake Creek watershed of Lake Coeur d'Alene under the WQPA Program, the following Best Management Practices (BMP's) were installed: 12 gully plugs to reduce erosion and sedimentation of Lake Creek, channel re-vegetation complete, 2 sediment retention ponds were seeded, and 3 ponds constructed. This work finalized the Lake Creek WQPA project.
- Under the Mica/Kidd Creek 319 project, the KSSWCD worked with 2 landowners in finalizing 2 sediment retention ponds, an off-site watering facility, and 7 grade stabilization structures. (See photo at right of NRCS Student Career Employment Program (SCEP) student and contractor after grade stabilization structures were installed.)
- Assisted 9 landowners in cooperation with the Natural Resource Conservation Service on new or existing EQIP contracts. Assisted with approximately 150 acreage modification contracts with USDA Farm Service Agency.
- Sold approximately 75,000 tree seedlings for conservation and reforestation within Kootenai and Shoshone counties in cooperation with the Panhandle Lakes Resource Conservation and Development Program (PLRC&D.)



Conservation District Priority # 1- Water Quality streams/rivers/aquifer

- Conducted Stream Visual Assessment Protocols (SVAP) within 2 separate watersheds in cooperation with the SCC and IASCD.
- Worked with 16 landowners and assessed approximately 6 miles of stream bank adjacent to agricultural land. SCC and KSSWCD met with landowners and provided BMP recommendations.
- 2 sediment retention ponds completed implementing portions of the Coeur d'Alene Lake Implementation Plan.
- Worked with approximately 300 landowners regarding Rathdrum Prairie-Spokane Valley Aquifer quality and quantity.

Conservation District Priority #2-Noxious Weeds

- Assisted over 2000 landowners on noxious weed identification and management within the District.
- Promoted the Eurasian Water milfoil reduction project on Hayden Lake and other surrounding lake Communities.
- Worked with Conservation Reserve Program recipients on weed eradication and control.

Conservation District Priority # 3- Prevention of unnatural stream/riverbank erosion

- Disseminated approx. 100 copies of the Coeur d'Alene Riverbank Stabilization Inventory to assist agency partners and landowners in the installation of cost efficient stabilization designs.
- Provided assistance to landowners in the implementation of vegetative and structural projects to prevent further erosion.
- Inventoried eroding streams along 7 miles of stream bank within 2 separate watersheds and provided recommendations to landowners.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Conducted field tour of completed WQPA contracts within the District, Assisted NRCS during the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force tour that was studying the crop residue disposal program, and worked with agency partners in holding an educational booth at the North Idaho Fair
- Organized and sponsored the 5th Annual Woodland Middle school Natural Resources Field Day (300 6th graders educated), provided watershed education utilizing Enviroscope model at the Pend O'reille Water Festival and Earth day Coeur d'Alene celebration, and assisted with the Idaho State Forestry Contest.
- The KSSWCD presented an educational PowerPoint presentation about Lake CDA and the basin to students and adults throughout the entire year.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Provided educational materials to the Hauser Lake Watershed Coalition at various meetings. Coordinated with IASCD and Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to provide a Lake*A*Syst presentation to the group. Currently working with the group on securing funds in order to implement the program. Assisted with TMDL revision process.
- Provided presentation and gained membership to the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce Natural Resources Committee (This membership is a partnership effort with the PLRC&D.)
- Attended the Hayden Lake Watershed Assoc. meetings and assisted with TMDL revision process.

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Kootenai & Shoshone Counties	District Operations	\$9,000.00
State of Idaho (SCC)	District Operations	\$16,767.55
EPA/IDEQ	319 Non-Point Source Pollution	\$20,600.22
EPA/IDEQ	Basin Commission/ CDA Lake Education	\$2,391.16
NRCS	Non-Farm Bill/ Farm Bill 2002 assistance	\$3,824.60
Tree Sales Program	Reforestation/conservation	\$2,977.00
WQPA (SCC)	Water Quality (including admin.)	\$19,531.90 to landowners \$2,990.42 to District
Total:		\$58,550.95

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5th Annual Woodland Middle school Natural Resources Field Day (watershed model-Enviroscope)

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

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Counties Served Latah

Legislative District(s) 6

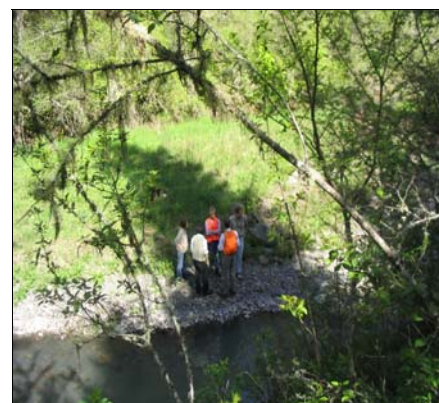


Conservation District Mission Statement

Lead local efforts to promote the stewardship of natural resources, through the development of comprehensive plans and the implementation of strategies for economic and ecological sustainability, on behalf of our citizens, through the coordination of leadership, information, and funding.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- ❑ Secured funding to transition 5,000 acres of conventional tillage to continuous direct seeding systems.
- ❑ Secured funding to improve water quality on 15,000 feet of riparian area through the implementation of best management practices on local cattle operations.
- ❑ Surveyed 19 miles of riparian habitat in the Potlatch River drainage to assist landowners interested in protecting and restoring habitat for steelhead.
- ❑ Coordinated federal, state, and local efforts to protect and restore the last remaining remnants of Palouse Prairie.
- ❑ Secured funding for riparian restoration within the Potlatch River drainage to improve steelhead spawning and rearing.



Working with landowners in Pine Creek to restore steelhead habitat

Conservation District Priority # 1 – District Operations

The first goal of the District is to develop and maintain the political and organizational capacity to fully exercise District rights and responsibilities. To develop and maintain an active leadership role, District supervisors serve in leadership roles at local and state levels. The District maintains a staff of four full-time professionals with extensive experience in natural resource management in a variety of professions. Over the past eight years, the District has managed over 45 individual grants and contracts in excess of \$4.5 million.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Quality

Water quality remains a critical issue for the District. Water quality improvements to local watersheds have been made by supporting continuous direct seeding systems, minimizing livestock access to water through the development of off-site water for local cattle operations, and restoring riparian areas. The

District develops and manages water quality programs designed to address state-wide issues associated with the State's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program and the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Fish and Wildlife

Potlatch River habitat restoration efforts for steelhead have been a primary focus of District efforts over the past several years. The District has developed extensive water quality and fisheries habitat monitoring throughout the Potlatch River system. In addition, the District has coordinated funding from a variety of state and federal sources to eliminate passage barriers on Corral Creek, improve steelhead spawning habitat in the Bear Creek stream system and minimize cattle access to riparian areas while maintaining economically viable independent cattle operations.

Information & Education/Public Outreach

Information and education has been a cornerstone activity for the District. The District publishes *The Working Conservationist* on a quarterly basis. Over 2,000 copies are mailed and distributed throughout the county. The District also maintains a website at www.latahsoil.org to provide conservation information for the citizens of Latah County.

Each year, the District hosts over 300 6th graders from elementary schools throughout the county during the Environmental Awareness Days at Spring Valley reservoir. Sessions cover fisheries, forestry, soil, wildfire, wildlife and wilderness survival. Over 15 instructors support this event from US Fish & Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Lands, USDA Agriculture Research Service, USDA Forest Service, Washington State University, Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute and local search and rescue volunteers.



**Environmental Awareness Days
- WSU Raptor Demonstration -**

Community Collaboration & Coordination

The District continues to support local watershed advisory groups with administrative and technical assistance. The District, through funding from the City of Moscow, participates as a full member of Washington State's Palouse River inter-state watershed planning committee.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Bonneville Power Administration	Develop Potlatch River Watershed Restoration Plan	\$ 173,800
Idaho Office of Species Conservation	Implement riparian restoration efforts within Potlatch River watershed	\$ 250,000
Idaho Department of Fish & Game	Coordinate development of federal and state conservation programs	\$ 34,261
Idaho Soil Conservation Commission	Implement direct-seed systems within Cow Creek watershed	\$ 89,100
Idaho Soil Conservation Commission	Implement direct-seed systems within Potlatch River watershed	\$ 89,100
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Coordinate implementation of farm bill programs	\$ 55,000
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Palouse Prairie ecosystem protection and restoration	\$ 25,000
Total FY05 Funding		\$ 716,261



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Lemhi

Legislative District 35

Function or Conservation District Mission

- To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- A total of 11 cooperators installed 18 Best Management Practices on the Lemhi River, Salmon River, and tributaries of the Lemhi River.
- Assisted 6 landowners in NRCS EQIP projects.
- Assisted 13 landowners in NRCS CSP enrollment.
- Provided general technical assistance to 30 landowners in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Soil Conservation Commission, and the Idaho Association of Conservation Districts.
- Cooperators on the Lemhi River, Salmon River, and tributaries of the Lemhi River installed 3 miles of fence, 230 feet of stockwater pipeline, 2 waste storage facilities, and 1 trough. 3 fish passage barriers were also modified and 2 cooperators installed streambank protection on their property.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Fish and Wildlife

- Engaged 9 landowners in on the ground activities for the enhancement and restoration of anadromous fish habitat.
- 12,300 feet of riparian fence was installed on Kenney Creek and the Salmon River.
- 2 diversions on the Lemhi River were modified to improve fish passage.
- 1 fence crossing on Hayden Creek was modified for safer fish passage.
- 2 streambank protection projects completed.

Conservation District Priority #2 – District Operations

- Ensure continued technical and financial assistance to cooperators to develop and implement programs to conserve renewable natural resources.
- Provide landowners, operators, and constituents with natural resource technical, financial, and educational assistance.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Water Quality

- Engaged 3 landowners in on the ground conservation planning and BMP implementation.
- 3 animal feeding operations brought into compliance.
- Tested multiple sites on the Lemhi River for bacteria and sent to the Bureau of Reclamation lab.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Advertised upcoming events in the local Elks monthly newsletter.
- Honored Basin Creek Ranch as cooperator of the year.
- Provided scholarship to the Range School through the Extension office.
- Conducted a tour in June of the Withington Creek fire area, recently completed diversion projects, and toured the 2005 Grassman of the Year's operation.
- Held the annual fall range ride on the Badger Springs allotment with 30 riders participating.
- Provided youth scholarships for Teen Conference, 4-H camp, and Natural Resources Workshop.
- Supported an Eagle Scout project financially.
- Demonstrated the soils layer through hands on activities including an edible soils cup and soil texturing kits.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Organized 2 Conservation Security Program meetings for producers.
- Provided clerical assistance to NRCS for Farm Bill programs.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 2,500.00
State	District Operations	\$ 8,123.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 1,034,166.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non Point Source Pollution	\$ 28,818.00
Bonneville Power Administration	Salmon Habitat	\$ 206,428.00
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Fish and Wildlife	\$ 7,000.00
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 12,130.00
IDWR	Irrigation Water Management	\$ 26,723.00
OSC	Salmon Recovery	\$ 6,559.00
Total		\$ 1,332,002.00

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Fiscal Year 2005

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Counties Served Lewis

Legislative District(s) 7



Mission Statement:

The Lewis Soil Conservation District is dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

A total of 163 cooperators installed 31 different best management practices this past fiscal year. Listed below are highlights:

- 43,682 acres of continuous direct seed and no-till implemented for a total of 262,092 tons of soil saved
- 11,122 acres of grass for seed production implemented with a 77,854 tons of soil saved reducing soil erosion and improving water quality, soil health, and soil quality
- 13,075 acres of pasture and hayland plantings implemented with a total of 91,525 tons of soil saved reducing soil erosion and improving water quality and soil health and soil quality
- 7,267 acres in 153 CRP and CCRP contracts with a total of 50,869 tons of soil saved per year improving water quality, soil health, soil quality, wildlife habitat, air quality and reducing soil erosion
- 3 miles of fence installed to improve water quality
- 3 offsite water developments and one solar pump demonstration project were installed improving water quality
- Assisted the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Commission and the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District with general technical assistance
- 23 private wells tests were conducted in the Camas Prairie High Nitrate Groundwater Priority Area. Nine of those tests were above the safe drinking water standards. ISCC provides the technical assistance.



Direct Seed/No-Till

Conservation District Priority # 1 Erosion Control

- 43,682 acres of continuous direct seed/no-till totaling 262,092 tons of soil saved
- 11,122 acres of grass for seed production saving 77,854 tons of soil
- 13,075 acres of pasture and hayland plantings saving 91,525 tons of soil
- 7,267 acres of CRP and CCRP saving over 50,869 tons of soil

Conservation District Priority # 2 Water Quality

- 43,682 acres of continuous direct seed/no-till totaling 262,092 tons of soil saved
- 11,122 acres of grass for seed production saving 77,854 tons of soil
- 13,075 acres of pasture and hayland plantings saving 91,525 tons of soil
- 7,267 acres of CRP and CCRP saving over 50,869 tons of soil saved
- 5 Animal Feeding Operation contracts protecting water quality
- Solar Pump Demonstration Project and Riparian tree planting on 15.5 acres protecting water quality

Conservation District Priority # 3 Air Quality

Several articles were published on our website as well as in our local newspaper to help educate the public on a number of issues concerning bluegrass seed production:

- Smoke in the air is not necessarily from bluegrass burning
- The Nezperce Prairie Grass Producers (NPGP) follow strict air quality guidelines
- The District encourages grass producers to follow the NPGP smoke management recommendations
- The District encourages producers to work with the Idaho Department of Agriculture and the NezPerce Tribe on smoke management

Information & Education/ Public Outreach Highlights:

- Monthly articles printed in our local county newspaper and 2 newsletters published on conservation, state and federal programs and District I&E efforts reaching 900 subscribers.
- The 8th annual Arbor Day tree planting was held on April 29th with local schools and cities of Craigmont and Nezperce assisting. The city of Nezperce provided lunch for the group who planted over 1000 trees on city beautification projects.
- An educational edible soil and worm habitat program was held for kids K-2 on May 13th at Highland Elementary in Craigmont.
- Organized the annual IASCD poster contest with Nezperce, Craigmont and Kamiah schools.
- The 31st annual "Sixth Grade Field Day" was held on May 20th. Five schools attended this year and the local news station KLEW covered the event
- "Hatchery in the Classroom" program and fish release was held on May 25th. This educational program held in cooperation with the Nezperce School District, instruct students on salmon habitat and their struggle to survive.
- The District participates in the Lewis County Fair each year by setting up a display on conservation and program availability. The District also funds a 4-H livestock trophy.
- Instructed 4-H students and helped them build bluebird habitat houses on April 28th.
- Each year the District offers a scholarship for the Inland Empire Youth Camp.
- On June 20th the District held their annual Cooperators Appreciation Golf Day and BBQ. Twenty-nine golfers had fun at the Orofino Golf and Country Club. In the evening 70 cooperators and their families attended the BBQ.
- The District webpage is updated weekly <http://web.camaset.com/~lewisscd/>

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- The District coordinates with the cities of Craigmont and Nezperce for an Arbor Day Celebration This year the city of Nezperce provided lunch for the youth and staff who planted over 1000 trees.
- Coordinated with the city of Craigmont and sent informational flyers on water conservation/well testing/and the nitrate groundwater priority area.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 7,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 9,700.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 438,707.00
Bonneville Power Administration	Fish Protection	\$115,000.78
U.S. Fish & Wildlife	Fish and Wildlife habitat restoration	\$ 408.26
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 50,596.99
Division II AFO	Water Quality	\$ 45,467.00
319 Groundwater Camas Prairie	Groundwater protection	\$ 15,186.79

Report of Accomplishments
Fiscal Year 2005
Madison Soil Conservation District
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Telephone Number: (208) 356-5701
Contact: Chairman, Rod Robison
County: Madison
Legislative District(s): 34



Function

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Assisted 11 landowners with NRCS EQIP projects
- Provided Conservation Security Program (CSP) funding for five landowners
- Over 5,000 trees and 200 rolls of weed fabric were sold during our conservation tree sale program this year to landowners.

Conservation District Priority #1 – Water Quality

- Constructed 288 ft. of animal trails and walkways to help protect animal impacts on stream banks.
- 873 acres of conservation cover were created
- 95 acres of conservation crop rotation were created
- Nine landowners received a nutrient management plan that was created to be used on 748 acres
- Surface roughening was performed on 2,660 acres, which is used to prevent erosion
- Use exclusion was enforced for 363 acres to fence in livestock
- 66 water and sediment control basins installed
- A prescribed grazing management plan was developed for 47 acres
- Pest management was implemented on 361 acres

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Resources/Quantity

- 385 acres were treated with deep tillage for water savings
- 1,550 ft. of pipeline was installed to help save water for irrigation water management
- Pivots were installed on 629 acres for irrigation water management
- 18,934 ft. of pipeline, high-pressure, underground, plastic was installed for irrigation water management
- An irrigation water management plan was designed and implemented on 1,563 acres
- One pumping plant was installed for improved irrigation water management

Conservation District Priority #3 – Riparian/Wetlands

- Created, restored, and enhanced 199 acres of wetlands, & wildlife habitat management
- Restored 1,259 ft. of stream bank for channel and stream bank stabilization
- Planned and developed eight structures for water control and water management on wetlands.
- Installed 4,100 ft. of windbreak/shelterbelt establishment to improve air quality, and forestry / agro forestry & land treatment.

Information & Education / Public Outreach

- The District held their annual tour on August 5. Places that were toured included a tree/windbreak establishment, water sediment control basins, and a leafy spurge site that is monitored to determine impact from biological control.
- The District held an annual weed meeting to inform landowners of noxious weeds and the best way to manage them. Ten landowners attended this meeting.
- The District has their own website: www.madisonswcd.id.nacdnet.org

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Provided support to the Cloud Seeding project by donating \$1,000
- Facilitated one EQIP Local Working Group Meeting for producers

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation

Partners to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funding
State	District Operations	\$ 11,447.55
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 401,473.00
County/City	District Operations	\$ 6,120.00



Reservoir Tillage to capture water



Sediment basin control to help prevent erosion

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Rupert, ID 83350

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Counties Served Minidoka

Legislative District(s) 26



Function or Conservation District Mission

To deliver natural resource technology and education, to promote wise use of natural resources and to promote management practices to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations of producers in Minidoka County.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

A & B Well Closure Project

- Closure of irrigation drain wells to improve water quality
- 87 producers participated
- 10,000 acres converted from gravity to sprinkler irrigation
- \$2.5 million dollar Congressional appropriation and NRCS EQIP support



One of the last drain wells to be closed.

Conservation District Priority # 1 Water Quality

- 4,250 acres converted from gravity irrigation to sprinklers. This conservation practice along with irrigation water management eliminates run off from the fields and potential sediment loading to the Snake River. The conversions also allowed more than 55 injection wells to be closed thus protecting the aquifer from contaminants.

Conservation District Priority #2 District Operations

- District supervisors met with elected officials to discuss funding needs and update them on cost-sharing programs in Minidoka County.
- Supervisors attended the annual IASCD conference to receive training and information necessary to carry out effective District programs.
- Supervisors attended the Legislative Luncheon to discuss funding needs and conservation concerns with local legislators.
- Supervisors attended Spring and Fall Division meetings to keep abreast of current developments affecting district operations and legislative issues that may require board action.

Conservation District Priority # 3 Irrigated Cropland

- Irrigation efficiency resulted in a savings of 3,754 acre-feet through conversions to more efficient irrigation systems.
- 32 conservation plans were developed and installed on 6,180 acres of irrigated cropland. The plans included the following Best Management Practices (BMPs): crop rotation, nutrient and pest management, erosion practices to reduce wind erosion, and improved irrigation water management.
- The conversions and application of conservation plans resulted in a reduction of 20,334 tons of soils from irrigation erosion.

Conservation District Priority # 4 Animal Waste Management

- Four comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans were written and applied to approximately 400 acres.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Published quarterly newsletters and mailed to 500 Minidoka producers and businesses. Newsletters include information on conservation programs, accomplishments and special District projects.
- Provided 2 education scholarships to Minico High School Students
- Provided 2 scholarships for students to attend the Natural Resources Workshop
- Provided 6 scholarships to 4-H Club members to attend the Know Your Government conference.
- Sponsor an annual speech and poster contest to help educate our youth on conservation practices and the importance of conservation of our natural resources.
- Provided funds to Idaho Ag in the Classroom to help with their educational efforts.
- Provided a donation to the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign to help in the fight against noxious weeds.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Member/Sponsor of the Mid-Snake R C & D
- Member of the Lake Walcott WAG
- Sponsored a seminar in conjunction with Idaho Power for 45 landowners explaining how energy and water savings may be realized through properly designed and installed irrigation systems.
- Hosted a tour for the Final Injection Well Closing Ceremony, attended by 60 people, including congressional staff, local media, and local producers.
- Minidoka SWCD celebrated its 50 Anniversary in conjunction with the tour.
- Sponsored one supervisor to attend the Leadership Idaho Agriculture Program

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Minidoka County	District Operations	\$ 3,500.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 9,452.55
A & B Congressional Appropriation	Water Quality	\$ 105,617.95
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 669,733.00
Total		\$ 788,303.50



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Mud Lake Soil And Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Jefferson

Legislative District(s) 35

Function or Conservation District Mission

The Mud Lake SWCD is dedicated to promoting good sound conservation and coordinates technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible management that conserves and improves soil, water, and other natural resources on the land.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Windbreak plantings were installed to provide wind protection and wildlife habitat. 1,800 trees were sold with 20 rolls of fabric mulch. Two EQIP funded windbreaks were installed for a total of 4,700 feet of windbreak.
- Through increased education, five cooperators were convinced of the benefits of planting windbreaks and did so without funding.
- Gave away 100 trees and bushes to schoolchildren for planting at their homes to increase awareness of beneficial use of trees.
- Reduction of noxious weeds through Biological Weed control. Two new colonies are released each year in the district.



Three-year-old windbreak.

Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

- District Chairman represents the Mud Lake SWCD at all the WAG meetings.
- Assist in seeking financial assistance for water quality issues in our district.
- Supply information to diaries for clean water act information through direct mailings.

Conservation District Priority #2 - Conservation Windbreaks

- Maintain Windbreak at the Circular Butte Landfill
- Tree information and care is included in the newsletter published yearly
- Tree give away to school children with video promoting tree care and the benefits of trees to the air and land
- Tree sales held each spring. Assist in finding funding sources through the FSA, EQIP, and Fish and Game, and NRCS.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Water Resources

- Sponsor Private applicator and chemigation workshop for credits in cooperation with other agencies
- Farm Bill information is included in the yearly newsletter sent out to 770 patrons of the district.
- Biological Bugs are placed in two locations each year and monitored on their success.
- Funding is given each year to the cooperative cloud seeding management group to promote moisture for our district.
- Technical assistance is given to farmers to implement Best management practices of water

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Newsletter is published once a year and is sent to 770 patrons of the District.
- Assisted with funding for the Regional Soils/Land Judging contest
- Public outreach support for the Envirothon and Natural Resources Camp.
- District supports IASCD sponsored events.
- Annual funding support for cooperative cloud seeding program
- Participated in the Local Conservation Working Group Meeting. Help to obtain funding for ground water irrigated cropland for cooperators.
- Attendance in the RC&D program. RC&D information published in newsletter.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Each year we donate trees to the community to help beautify an existing building or landmark.
- Participate in the Continental Divide WAG and provide information to cooperators.
- Provide the community with the mulch laying machine and assistance with tree plantings

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 4,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 10,117.55
USDA Programs*	Conservation/EQIP	\$ 572,114.00

* Entire Jefferson County
Three Conservation Districts

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Fish and Game Whip Project, Jefferson County, Mud Lake SWCD at the Circular Butte Landfill.

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Nez Perce

Legislative District(s) 7



Function or Conservation District Mission

Coordinating Technical and Financial Resources for the Implementation of Conservation Practices and Projects that Enhance and Conserve our Natural Resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Erosion reduction measures applied on 7,283 acres of cropland.
- Nutrient management systems applied on 1,664 acres of cropland.
- Residue management applied on 1,551 acres of cropland.
- Conducted soil quality study in Lapwai and Tammany Creek watersheds.
- 26 acres of filter strips planned for installation.
- 4,933 acres of wildlife habitat planned for application.
- 8 livestock watering facilities planned for installation.
- 19,430 feet of firebreak planned for installation on forestlands.
- Tree and shrub establishment completed on 214 acres.
- Pest management practices applied on 3,000 acres.
- Installed 2300 linear feet of grassed waterways.



Conservation District Priority # 1 - District Operations and Planning

- Ensure continued technical and financial assistance to cooperators to develop and implement programs to conserve renewable natural resources.
- Conduit of non-regulatory natural resource technical, financial, and educational assistance to 730 landowners, operators, and constituents.
- Developed operating policies to govern application of conservation programs within the District.
- Obtained 200 hours of volunteer assistance for implantation of activities in the District Strategic Plan.
- Coordinated with Idaho Department of Lands, Nez Perce Tribe and Idaho Department of Fish and Game to identify forestry needs within the Lapwai Creek Watershed.
- Attended Idaho Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting.

Conservation District Priority #2 - Animal Feeding Operation Management

- Inventoried, planned, and developed alternatives for five animal feeding operations.
- Assisted with on-the-ground implementation of winter feeding operation improvements through the North Idaho 319 Grant funded by EPA.
- Completed five watering facilities.
- Continued to implement Animal Feeding Operations and riparian Water Quality Program for Agriculture located in Tammany, Lapwai, and Bedrock Creeks.

Conservation District Priority # 3 - Watershed Assessment, Improvement, and Protection: for the primary purpose of water quality and fisheries improvement.

- Inventoried 80 miles of stream in the Lapwai Creek watershed. Stream inventory focused on fish habitat, weeds, and Streambank erosion.
- Continued support of the Tammany TMDL implementation plan through implementation of conservation practices to reduce sediment delivered to the stream.
- Installed 1000 feet of fence to protect valuable fish habitat.
- Planned and implemented over 2000 acres of use exclusion to protect wildlife habitat.
- Collected stream temperature data at 20 sites to determined areas where stream temperatures limit fish habitat.

- Promoted the Idaho Fish and Game Habitat Incentive Program.
- Assisted FEMA and Nez Perce County in the assessment and evaluation of flood damages on the Garden Gulch, Tom Beall, Hubbard Gulch and Pine Creek watersheds.
- Assisted the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service with the implementation of the Small Watershed Program in the Lapwai Creek watershed.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Designed and maintained website (www.nezperceswcd.org)
- Completed a bio-control workshop for yellow starthistle and spotted knapweed. The workshop was a cooperative effort with the Nez Perce Tribe Bio-Control Center.
- Produced newsletters for landowner education.
- Developed an educational float for the Culdesac Community Parade.
- Developed dissolved oxygen fact sheet.
- Developed Hydroseeding mulching specification for use within the district boundaries.
- Completed a Lapwai Creek watershed tour.
- Completed a District tour and educational day.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Coordinated the Cow Creek Watershed Advisory Committee and provided clerical assistance for 6 meetings.
- Coordinated the Tammany Creek Watershed Advisory Committee and provided clerical assistance for 1 meeting.
- Coordinated a 10 person Americorps Team for work within the Lapwai Creek watershed and communities of Culdesac and Lapwai.
- Coordinated with Idaho Department of Fish and Game on a cooperative position to provide technical assistance for the inventory and implementation of wildlife habitat improvements.
- Coordinated with Latah Soil and Water Conservation District to improve delivery of services.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Nez Perce County	District Operations	\$ 15,250.00
Idaho State	District Operations	\$ 25,975.00
Bonneville Power Administration	Salmon Habitat Improvement and Restoration	\$ 440,000.00
Idaho State Water Quality Program for Agriculture	Water Quality Improvements	\$ 31,000.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Water Quality Improvements	\$ 30,703.00
Western SARE	Soil quality guide development	\$ 5,300.00
Idaho Fish and Game	Technical assistance for wildlife habitat improvement	\$ 22,645.00

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices





Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

North Bingham Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Bingham

Legislative District 27, 28

Function

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Assisted 5 landowners in NRCS EQIP projects, 1 CRP and 2 CCRP projects.
- Total conservation acres planned 16,763 and 21,863 applied acres in Bingham County.
- Assisted in establishing 15,986 ft of windbreak/Shelterbelts in Bingham County



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Resources/Quality

- Monitor 17 sites in various locations in the district to assure that ground water contamination isn't becoming a concern in this area.
- Supported water sampling of creeks in the Blackfoot watershed to monitor sediment, nitrate/nitrite levels and bacteria levels.
- Continued to monitor streams on the 303d list in the hopes of being able to remove some from the list.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Rangeland

- Working to develop and implement a range management, streambank stabilization, and water quality program on the Blackfoot River and its tributaries and continue the same program in the Willow Creek area.

Conservation District Priority # 3 Animal Waste Management

- Assisted in an animal waste management facility installation.
- Assisted in the extension of an existing livestock windbreak/odor barrier.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Published two newsletters a year containing information on new conservation practices, and NRCS programs.
- Worked with local schools and teachers to try and spark some interest in the speech contest.

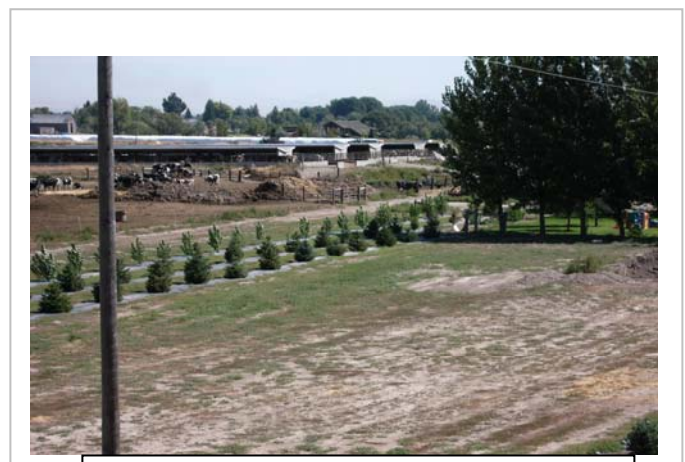
Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Supported the Three Rivers RC&D with dues.
- Supported NACD with dues.
- Supported IASCD with dues.
- Supported the FFA / 4H Land Judging Contest.
- Supported IDEA with dues.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County/City	District Operations	\$ 2,200.00
State	District Operations	\$ 7,725.00
USDA Farm Bill Program – EQIP	Conservation	\$270,820.00
USDA Farm Bill Program - CCRP	Conservation	\$ 24,360.00
USDA Farm Bill Program	Species of Special Concern	\$114,291.00

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Livestock windbreak extension 2005



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

North Side Soil & Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Jerome

Legislative District(s) 24

Function or Conservation District Mission

It is the mission of the Northside Soil & Water Conservation District to educate the public and assist landowners in the implementation of sound land management practices, and work towards improvement and preservation of our natural resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- A total of 24 cooperators applied Best Management Practices on 6,379 acres in Jerome County, preventing an estimated 48,500 tons of sediment from entering surface water
- Assisted 18 landowners with NRCS EQIP and PL-566 projects
- Worked with cooperators to improve irrigation efficiency on 4,622 acres



Pump station for a new pond and pivot project, completed in 2005.

Conservation District Priority # 1

- Provided on-the-ground conservation and BMP application assistance to 14 landowners.
- 4,622 acres converted from surface irrigation to sprinkler irrigation
- Two comprehensive nutrient management plans developed and two animal waste systems installed.
- Prevented 48,500 tons of sediment from entering surface waters.

Conservation District Priority #2

- Assisted with the implementation of 18 conservation plans to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, reduce aquifer overdraft, improve irrigation efficiency, and benefit wildlife.
- Provided technical assistance to landowners on 6,379 acres of cropland.
- Reduced soil erosion on cropland by 51,757 tons.
- Reduced wind erosion on 1,482 acres of cropland.
- Developed two comprehensive nutrient management plans.

Conservation District Priority # 3

- Developed two comprehensive nutrient management plans.
- Installed two animal waste systems.

Conservation District Priority #4

- Arbor Day tree presentations to area 3rd grade students.
- Poster contest for area 4th grade students.
- Speech contest for are high school students.
- Funded scholarships for students to attend the Natural Resources Camp.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 4,897.00
State	District Operations	\$ 12,777.55
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$267,510.00
PL-566	Conservation	\$115,475.00
RCRDP Grants	Initiation of 5 aquifer overdraft projects	\$ 52,127.00
RCRDP Loans	24 Active Loans	\$430,757.00
State	Contract Labor Reimbursements	\$ 2,100.00
Supporting Members	District Operations	\$ 375.00
Total		\$886,018.55

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices



A beautiful end to the Vinyard Creek Project.

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Oneida Soil and Water Conservation District

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Point of Contact Lowell R. Davis, Chairman

Counties Served Oneida

Legislative District(s) 27



Function or Conservation District Mission

The Oneida Soil and Water Conservation District is dedicated to conserving our natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- A total of 28 cooperators installed 36 Best Management Practices, preventing an estimated 80,000 tons of sediment.
- Assisted 34 landowners with NRCS EQIP projects.
- Provided technical assistance to 102 landowners in cooperation with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission and Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts.
- Assisted with eight continuous CRP projects and five WHIP Contract.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

- Assisted IASCD & ISCC with stream erosion assessment in the Upper Daniels Watershed Riparian Project.
- Assisted eight landowners with on the ground conservation planning and implementation of Best Management Practices within the “Little Malad River” watershed.
- Completed and signed 319 No point Source Management Program sub grant agreement for “Wrights Creek Restoration Project,” in the amount of \$28,000.00.
- Approximately 5000 acres converted to conservation tillage.
- Reviewed draft and submitted comments for final document. Bear River TMDL plan

Conservation District Priority #2 – Non-Irrigated Cropland - Rangeland

- Provide technical assistance on 333 contracts / 70,000 acres currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. Assist with mid-management practices on CRP land. Provide emergency grazing plans for producers needing to graze CRP ground.
- Sponsor and assist Oneida County officials, agencies, groups, landowners and concerned individuals with sage grouse and other wildlife issues.
- Assisted 15 landowners and provided public awareness of the Idaho SCC, Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program. Submitted and ranked six applications for loans/grants for Oneida County landowner

Conservation District Priority # 3 - District Operations

- Ensure continued technical and financial assistance to cooperators to develop and implement Programs to conserve renewable natural resources.
- Oneida SWCD provides leadership in a partnership effort to assist all landowners and help to conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment.
- Conduit of non-regulatory natural resource technical, financial and educational assistance to over 800 landowners, operators and constituents.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Sponsored annual conservation tour in conjunction with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and US Fish and Game. Agreement with US Fish and Wildlife for total of \$125,000.00 over a period of five years for private land fish, wildlife and plant conservation projects.
- Held training for Malad High School, Agriculture Department, to teach soil judging techniques and sponsor team to Division V soil judging contest.
- Presented water conservation presentations to youth groups in Oneida County.
- Provided monthly precipitation articles to the local news media.
- Published eight conservation articles in the local paper.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Conducted three Local Working Group meetings for agency, groups and individuals to designate and rank where EQIP funds will be allocated in Oneida County.
- Assisted Malad City with soils information and plans for new landfill.
- Began plans to facilitate Conservation Security Program public meetings for producers.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners – to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho’s renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Oneida County	District Operations	\$ 7,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 15,437.55
USDA-NRCS	EQIP Administrative Assistance	\$ 15,491.84
Malad City	District Operations	\$ 1,000.00
State of Idaho	Sage Grouse Agreement	\$ 7,250.00
USDA-NRCS	EQIP cost-share allocated	\$ 285,000.00
USDA-Farm Programs	CRP / LAP / Disaster payments	\$ 3,500,000.00
USDA-NRCS	Species of Concern	\$ 62,783.00

One of many projects completed include the fencing of the head of the “Little Malad River.” A project made possible by several agencies.





Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Owyhee Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Owyhee

Legislative District(s) Legislative District 23

Function or Conservation District Mission

To educate the farmer and rancher as well as the public about innovative conservation techniques, which enhance our natural resources and help to protect our nation's food supply.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 25 applications were ranked under the EQIP General Fund
- 18 applications: over 1400 acres landowners, operators, ranchers, feeders were approved for funding for 2005
- Made improvements such as wind breaks, wetland areas, feed plots, ponds, spring have been installed to improve wildlife conditions
- Completed TMDL implementation plans for 303D listed streams
- Continued district building improvements to assure ADA-R
- Homedale Wetlands Partnership: 22 member collaborative effort to improve water quality and reduce pollution 4 ½ acres local creek.

Homedale Wetlands



Conservation District Priority # 1

- Water Quality - Reduce irrigation induced erosion to tolerable limits saving approximately 36, 846 tons of Owyhee top soil from run off, saving over 2500 acre feet of irrigation water.
- Cooperative partnership with OWC - Malheur County, Oregon. DEQ 319 grant Owyhee Restorative Incentive Program, goal to improve conditions of 25 miles riparian acreage.
- Assist with Owyhee Initiative Program 390 river miles and 511,000 acres.

Conservation District Priority #2

- Water Quality – Assisted with TMDL study, to apply resource planning implementation activities on the current 303 D list over 25000 acres
- Recently approved WQPA Program grant: goal to reduce pollution in approximately 2013 acres in Owyhee County

Conservation District Priority # 3

- Noxious Weed Education - Farmers Appreciation Day: Goal to improve awareness and decrease spread of noxious weeds, 30 producers attended received 3 units for Pesticide License Education.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Farmers Appreciation Day –Goal: Annual Pesticide Recertification – 30 producers attended, agenda: safety, storage, application, and record keeping.
- Cooperative Partnership Sponsored Summer Tour of Reynolds Creek prescribed-fire and juniper-management research project 18 participants
- Owyhee County Fair Booth - Public Outreach and Education
- Financial Support of local 4H and FFA – purchased 1 lamb with and add on dollars to 3 other purchases.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Held Idaho Power pivot training workshop 23 producers attended.
- Renewed sign for advertisings at Homedale High School gym.
- Sponsored 3 middle school students to go to Natural Resources Camp.
- Recognized Farmer of year at annual banquet.
- Attended Legislative Luncheon in Boise.
- Sponsored Farmer Income Contest and provided food basket. Provided and maintained USDA Service Center building. Participated in Owyhee initiative workgroup.
- Worked on Owyhee County Subdivision committee. Participated in Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management tour to study leafy spurge growing along Boulder Creek stream banks in Owyhee County.
- Made financial contributions to: Marsing, FFA, Idaho Association Soil Conservations Districts Envirothon, Idaho State Forestry Contest, Idaho Ag in the Classroom; division, state and national groups annual dues.
- Homedale Wetland Project outdoor classroom 2300 student participated in Wetland Project

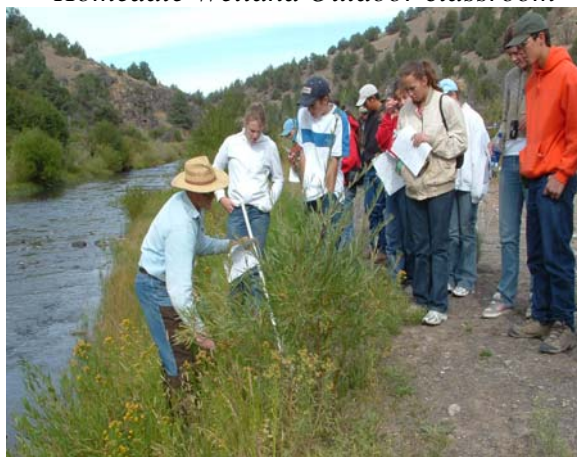
Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners

OSCD work with the assistance of the following entities to plan, design and implement BMP for the preservation of our county: ISCC, NRCS, BLM, Homedale School District, South Board Irrigation District, Dept of Agriculture, Dept. of Fish and Game, Dept. of Environmental Quality, Dept of Water Resources, University of Idaho, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Usda Natural Resources Conservation Service, Usda – NRCS Plant Material Center, EPA, USDA Earth Team Volunteers.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
NRCS	Conservation	\$ 777,391
Homedale Wetlands	Water Quality/District Operation	\$ 104,992
Owyhee County	District Operation	\$ 3,000
State of Idaho	District Operation	\$ 9,029

Idaho Conservation Districts Community education and cooperation.

Homedale Wetland Outdoor classroom



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Payette Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 501 North 16th Street, Suite 102

Address: Payette, Idaho 83661

Telephone Number: (208) 642-4402 ext. 102

Contact: Claude Bruce, Chairperson

County: Payette

Legislative District(s): 9



Function

- Payette Soil and Water Conservation District will work towards conserving and enhancing all natural resources for the economic and environmental benefit of present and future generations in Payette County.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- The Payette Field Office developed 11 new conservation plans on 1495 acres of irrigated cropland and 237 acres of grazing land.
- Conservation systems were applied on 30 previously existing plans on 2478 acres of cropland, 5410 acres of grazed range, 326 acres of pasture, and 547 acres of wildlife or naturalized areas.
- Application of two existing Coordinated Nutrient Management Plans was completed.
- Conservation practices planned included 175 acres of Anionic Polyacrylamide Erosion Control, 818 acres of conservation crop rotation, 16460 feet of Fence, 75 acres of Forage Harvest Management, 77 acres of Irrigation Land Leveling, 127 acres of Sprinkler Irrigation Systems, 187 acres of Surface Irrigation Systems, 19,550 feet of Concrete Ditch Lining, 12,540 feet of Low-Pressure Plastic Pipeline, 1,200 feet of Gated Pipeline, 120 feet of Steel Pipeline, 876 acres of Irrigation Water Management, eight acres of Land Smoothing, 1,626 acres of Nutrient Management, 66 acres of Pasture Planting, 510 acres of Pest Management, 149 acres of Prescribed Grazing, 22 Structures for Water Control, 1,400 feet of Underground Outlet, 138 acres of Upland Wildlife Habitat Management and four acres of Use Exclusion.
- Conservation practices applied included 74 acres of Anionic Polyacrylamide Erosion Control, 926 acres of Conservation Crop Rotation, 11,522 feet of Fence, 31 acres of Filter Strip, 4 acres of Forage Harvest Management, 97 acres of Irrigation Land Leveling, one Irrigation Regulating Reservoir, 42 acres of Micro irrigation (Drip) Systems, 309 acres of Sprinkler Irrigation Systems, 113 acres of Surface Irrigation Systems, 11,345 feet of Concrete Ditch Lining, 1,440 feet of High-Pressure Pipeline, 3,519 feet of Low-Pressure Pipeline, 3,450 feet of Gated Pipeline, 749 feet of Steel Pipeline, 1,309 acres of Irrigation Water Management, 1,582 acres of Nutrient Management, 35 acres of Pasture Planting, 4,173 acres of Pest Management, 3,779 acres of Prescribed Grazing, three Pumping Plants, five Sediment Basins, 13 Structures for Water Control, three acres of Tree/Shrub establishment, 194 acres of Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, 205 acres of Use Exclusion, 92 acres of Waste Utilization, and 3 acres of Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management.
- NRCS field office completed status reviews for more than 40 existing program contracts. We also updated and uploaded all conservation planning information into the new progress reporting system, and completed reconciliation of all EQIP contracts in the new NRCS Protracts web-based contracting system.

Conservation District Priority #1- District Operations

- Maintain a viable district in order to provide efficient and effective service to the public.
- Continued assistance to cooperators to develop and implement programs to conserve natural resources.
- Held two Local Working Group meetings to discuss the ranking of programs for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) in our local area and discussed natural resource concerns in our local area.
- The Payette SWCD, Southwest District Health, and Canyon County Drainage District #2 (CCDD#2) formed a partnership to address natural resource concerns along the CCDD#2 drainage pertaining to resource concerns that will be addressed by the Lower Snake River TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) and septic systems that do not meet today's standards.
- To help finance the Lower Snake-Payette Clean Water Project the Payette Soil and Water Conservation District, the Southwest District Health, and the Canyon County Drainage District #2 applied for an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Non-point Source 319 grant.
- The Payette SWCD hired Terry Finnerty for the Soil Conservation Aide position. This is a part-time position funded by the NRCS and the IASCD. He has been involved in the Drainage District Consortium and identifying projects for the 319 grant.
- The Payette SWCD, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Payette County, and the local drainage Districts formed the Drainage District Consortium. The partnership is working to update, consolidate information and methods of operations for the drainage districts.

Conservation District Priority #2- Information and Education

- The Payette SWCD had a booth at the KSRV Treasure Valley Ag Show and sponsored a table at the Payette Chamber of Commerce of Awards dinner, and held an Annual Appreciation dinner.
- The District in collaboration with the Adams SWCD and Weiser River SCD sponsor a display at the Idaho State House.
- We sponsor the 2004 State FFA Leadership Convention, the FFA/4-H Land judging contest, the natural resource workshop teachers and students, and Envirothon.

- The District Administrative Assistant presented the “Incredible Edible Aquifer” to 150 fourth graders at the Fruitland Elementary School, and provided 175 “Water and Me” books to second graders at the same school. The District Administrative Assistant at the request of the Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) presented the “Incredible Edible Aquifer” to 385 students from schools in Oregon and Idaho at the “TVCC Ag in the Classroom”.
- Place signs on current and completed Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- The Payette SWCD, the Weiser River SCD, and the University of Idaho sponsored a “Project Wet” Workshop for K-12 teachers with 20 teachers attending.
- The Payette SWCD sponsored our annual “Sixth Grade Field Days” for area sixth graders we had 350 students.
- The District Administrative Assistant presented the “S. K. Worm” program to 36 students for the City of New Plymouth Library summer reading program. The library had additional reading material on worms and soil to follow up.
- We had a booth at the Payette County Fair and the District was a livestock buyer at the FFA/4-H Livestock Auction held during the fair.
- We held a speech and poster contest for area students.
- We help sponsor the Payette County Noxious Weed and Gopher Department tour and certification workshop.
- We had a booth at Fruitland Fun Day featuring our educational programs.
- We published a quarterly newsletter with a readership of over 900 readers and had articles in the local newspaper.
- We provided the local libraries, schools, and businesses with information for Stewardship week

Conservation District Priority #3- Water Quality

- Support the NRCS Spanish Irrigators Water Management training video and workshops.
- Applied for an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) Non-point source 319 grant to address concerns on the Lower Snake-Payette Rivers as outlined in the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of the Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL, Upstream Snake River Segment and Weiser Area Ground Water Quality Management Plan is ranked Nitrate Priority Area #1 in the State of Idaho. The Weiser Area
- Assist the City of Fruitland with implementation of the Source Water Protection Plan.
- Support the Drainage Districts Consortium.
- Support the Jewel Wetland project.
- Completed the Idaho Water Quality Project for Agriculture (IWQPA) on the Lower Payette River, which treated 1,510 acres of critical land with BMPs meeting the TMDL goals for the Lower Payette River roughly \$439,000 in WQPA funds, the District leveraged \$238,000 in landowner resources and over \$33,000 in incentive funds from other sources to apply these practices.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- The Payette SWCD had representatives on the following: Southwest Basin Advisory Group (BAG), the Lower Snake River Public Advisory Team (PAT), the Canyon county Drainage District #2, the West Central Highland Resource Conservation Development (RC&D), Ethanol Production, Carbon Sequestration, and the City of Fruitland Source Water Protection Plan.
- We are members of the Payette Chamber of Commerce.
- We support the local school district (public, private, and Home Educators), and the Payette County Planning and Zoning.
- We have representatives on the Lower Payette River WAG and the Drainage District Consortium.
- We are in good standing with several professional organizations, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), The Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCSD), Division III, and the Idaho District Employee Association (IDEA).
- We had a representative(s) to the 2004 NACD Conference, the IASCSD Conference, and spring and fall Division III meetings.
- Claude Bruce (Payette SWCD Supervisor) is the Director of Division III and vice-president of the IASCSD, Carol Bruce (Associate Supervisor) is President of the Auxiliary, Charlene Wimpy (District Administrative Assistant) is treasurer of Division III and vice-chair of the IDEA.
- Keith Schuller (Payette SWCD Supervisor) is the local corner and councilperson on the City of Fruitland city council, Bill Peutz is an active member of the Payette Master Gardeners, Jo Anne Smith (Payette SWCD Supervisor) had a booth at the farmer market a fundraiser for “Project Rose”, an organization for abused women and children.
- We are involved with the Payette Greenway, Carbon Sequestration, Payette Tree Committee and Jewel Wetland.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners

To plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funding
County	District Operations	\$ 6,500.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 16,600.00
USDA Farm Program	Conservation	\$ 53,000.00
IWQPA	Water Quality	\$ 11,053.00
319	Water Quality	\$ 230,000.00
EQIP	Conservation	\$ 211,169.00
Cities	Information/Education	\$ 1,750.00
Idaho Power	Information/Education	\$ 300.00

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District

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Pocatello, ID 83201

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Point of Contact Scott Henderson—Chairman

Counties Served Bannock

Legislative District(s) 29, 30



Function or Conservation District Mission

- To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Upper Rapid Creek 319 Project in accordance with TMDL implementation plan.
- 11 EQIP applications for Bannock County were submitted.
- 13 EQIP contracts were completed for Bannock County.
- 3,480 feet of 4 wire exclusion fence.

To the right is a water facility, funded with the 319 grant, to assist with water quality management.



Conservation District Priority #1 Water Quality

- Upper Rapid Creek 319 Project in accordance with Portneuf TMDL implementation plan.
- 509 feet of willows planted for riparian restoration and stream bank stabilization.
- 1 acre of critical area planting.
- 7 acres of use exclusion (fencing critical areas to protect)
- Five producers were active in the Upper Rapid Creek 319 Project.
- 3 staff members were added to the commission to complete Water Quality analysis, 319 water sub basin work, and a riparian specialist.
- Provided clerical assistance to the Portneuf Watershed Advisory Group, for 12 months

Conservation District Priority #2 District Operations

- New staff was hired for the NRCS field office.
- Over 150 constituents visit the Pocatello office throughout the year to discuss and obtain assistance and funds.
- 400 CRP, active, contracts.
- Over 89,000 acres of land were placed in CRP with a payout of 3.5 million dollars.
- Supervisors and staff attended the annual IASCD Conference to receive training and information necessary to meet the needs of producers and carry out effective District programs.

Conservation District Priority #3 Water Conservation and Soil Erosion

- Implementation of one well.
- Implementation of one stock water facility.

- Grazing land with conservation applied to protect the resource base amount to 6,329 acres.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District and NRCS wrote 15 conservation plans and applied 16 resulting in 4,339 acres planned and 8,126 acres applied.
- 578 acres of residue management, mulch till, were applied.
- Assisted producers in building sediment basins and 8,095 feet of terraces to reduce soil erosion. Reducing erosion by 4,896 tons.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Maintained Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District website. <http://pswcd.org/>
- Wrote, designed, and printed two newsletters. These newsletters were sent to 600 constituents, as well as given at all activities Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District participated in.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District participated in the North Bannock County Fair. The emphasis was conservation outreach. 5 days was spent at the fair and over 300 community members, both rural and urban constituents were reached.
- In conjunction with NRCS over 150 constituents have been serviced through Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District hired new office staff.
- Board member John McNabb won, and was presented by Governor Kempthorne, The Governor's award for his environmental stewardship.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District co-sponsored Bannock County's Noxious Weed Tour where approximately 20 constituents participated in the tour.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District participated in the Portneuf Watershed Advisory Group and provided clerical assistance for 10 meetings. These meetings were held in and around Bannock County where over 50 constituents were able to participate in the WAG.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District participated in several different programs with Three Rivers RC&D, reaching an undetermined amount of constituents.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District hosted a tour at the Jim Guthrie ranch. Mr. Guthrie was selected as the Grassman of the year. Approximately 30 constituents attended this event.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County/City	District Operations	\$ 9,200.00
State	District Operations	\$ 17,033.55
USDA Farm Programs (inclusive)	Conservation	\$ 256,000.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non-Point Source Pollution	\$ 8,805.00

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices

To the right is exclusion fencing, funded by the 319 grant, to assist with water quality improvements.



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year

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Power Soil Conservation District
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American Falls, Idaho 83211

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Point of Contact Roger L. Whitnah

Counties Served Power County

Legislative District 27



Function of the Conservation District

To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water and related resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

Extracted from All Plans, All Land Uses, All Resource Concerns

	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Applied</u>
Conservation Cover (ac)	2,037	150
Conservation Crop Rotation (ac)	8,328	4,645
Contour Farming (ac)	4,205	1,039
Deep Tillage (ac)	1,946	320
Fencing (ft)	25,900	5,979
Forage Harvest Mgt. (ac)	897	293
Irrigation Regulating Reservoir (no)	1	1
Irrigation Sprinkler System (no)		2
Irrigation Water Conveyance (ft)	25,050	8,955
Irrigation Water Mgt. (ac)	644	585
Nutrient Mgt. (ac)	7,907	3,252
Pasture & Hay Planting (ac)	150	165
Pest Management (ac)	9,124	2,923
Pipeline (ft)	49,350	14,792
Prescribed Grazing (ac)	7,292	3,990
Pumping Plant (no)		2
Range Planting (ac)	305	106
Residue Mgt.-Mulch Till (ac)	3,907	2,986
Residue Mgt.-No-Till (ac)	1,641	1,208
Spring Development (no)	5	
Stripcropping (ac)	1,196	1,781
Structure for Water Control (no)	14	2
Surface Roughening (ac)	674	250
Terraces (ft)	8,248	
Upland Wildlife Habitat Mgt. (ac)	8,618	969
Use Exclusion (ac)	1,324	
Water & Sediment Control Basin (no)	16	10
Water Well (no)		1
Watering Facility (no)	16	13
TOTAL SOIL EROSION REDUCED (Tons)		16,851

Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

- ❖ 2037 acres of Conservation Cover were planned on HEL with 150 acres installed. These acres are typically steep and near streams, reducing sediments reaching streams.
- ❖ 4205 acres of Contour Farming were planned with 1039 acres applied protecting streams in the dry cropland areas.
- ❖ 644 acres of Irrigation Water Management were planned and 585 acres applied reducing runoff to streams and the American Falls Reservoir.
- ❖ 7907 acres of Nutrient Management were planned with 3252 acres applied with direct impact on streams in the TMDL implementation areas of Rock Creek and Bannock Creek.

Conservation District Priority #2 – District Operations

- ❖ We continue to conduct SCD business according to Idaho Soil Conservation District Law.
- ❖ We continue to promote and increase public awareness of soil and water conservation needs and opportunities.
- ❖ We attend local, state and national conferences and meetings.
- ❖ We appreciate our working relationships with all agency partners.
- ❖ We continue to support our organizations by paying annual dues at the local, state and national levels.
- ❖ A financial report is prepared monthly and the district's books are audited annually.
- ❖ We continue to provide current information on resource problems and solutions to the general public.

Conservation District Priority # 3- Irrigated Cropland

- ❖ 8328 acres of Conservation Crop Rotation were planned with 4645 acres applied. This crop sequence contains high and low residue crops to reduce soil erosion by wind and water.
- ❖ 25,050 feet of Irrigation mainline were planned with 8955 feet applied. Many of these lines are worn out, leaking steel lines long since past their useful life.
- ❖ Two Center Pivot Irrigation Systems were applied improving irrigation efficiency on 260 acres.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- ❖ Quarterly newsletters are published, reaching 700 cooperators.
- ❖ Local newspaper articles are published when the need arises, usually on a quarterly basis.
- ❖ We held our annual conservation field tour on May 25th, introducing 5 5th grade classes to SWAPA concepts.
- ❖ We were responsible for the placing of 5 cloud seeding generators. Two were placed in Arbon Valley, two in Rockland Valley and one in Cassia County. Daily logs will be available soon.
- ❖ We had a successful annual tree and shrub sales program.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- ❖ We cooperated with NRCS and DEQ in the Lake Walcott and American Falls Reservoir TMDL implementation watersheds.
- ❖ We coordinated 2 Wag meetings in Rockland, with over 30 local farmers and agencies participating.
- ❖ We coordinated and facilitated 2 Local Working Group meetings with our local COC.
- ❖ We initiated and coordinated a joint SCD/Power County Weed Control/local farmer meeting regarding a biological weed control project along Cold Creek.
- ❖ We coordinated a cloud seeding venture with our county commissioners.
- ❖ Provided technical assistance to the Idaho Fish & Game in wildlife habitat plantings.
- ❖ Provided technical assistance to the Plant Materials Center assisting with the planting of 500 willows and poplars along Bannock Creek.
- ❖ Coordinated and facilitated joint meeting with Three Rivers RC&D and a local farmer regarding mustard seed program.
- ❖ Coordinated with NRCS and Shoshone-Bannock Indian Tribe with a WHIP project on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.
- ❖ Worked with American Falls Planning and Zoning board, Falls Irrigation District, Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company and the American Falls-Aberdeen Groundwater District on various projects and concerns.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation

Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Amount Funded
Power County	District Operations	\$ 4,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 11,215.00
USDA Farm Programs	EQIP	\$ 333,245.00
Power County	Cloud Seeding Project	\$ 1,000.00

**Report of Accomplishments
Fiscal Year 2005
Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District
1441 Fillmore St. #A
Twin Falls, ID 83301
733-5380 ext. 3
Matt Nail, Chair
Counties Served: Twin Falls
Legislative District(s): 24**



Function or Conservation District Mission

The Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District includes some of the most intensively farmed cropland in Twin Falls County. Since it was founded in 1966, Snake River SWCD has worked to reduce irrigation induced soil erosion and improve water quality by working with landowners on a voluntary basis. Working with federal, state and local agencies, sometimes through formal agreements, the District has brought a wide range of technical and financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, homeowners, towns and organizations it represents.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

The Snake River SWCD has aggressively sought federal 319 grant dollars to develop constructed wetlands on critical irrigation return drains. Working cooperatively with the Twin Falls Canal Company and the City of Twin Falls, two wetlands were constructed on the Perrine Coulee drain system, an irrigation return which flows through the City of Twin Falls. Another wetland project is in the planning stage for a drain system that has historically had high sediment loads because of the topography and crop rotations.

Conservation District Priority #1 — Water Quality

Improving water quality throughout the District remains the top priority. On irrigated lands, the District is helping surface irrigators to convert to sprinkler irrigation systems to reduce irrigation-induced erosion through the EQIP and state RCRDP (Rangeland Conservation and Resource Development Program). Three EQIP applications were funded which will save 11,040 tons of sediment loss annually. Eight RCRDP loans were approved in Twin Falls County that will save 18,500 tons of soil annually in Twin Falls County. The Twin Falls Canal Company estimates that between 4,000 and 5,000 acres of surface irrigated land is converted to sprinkler annually and the Snake River SWCD's educational efforts and technical assistance help make that possible.

The District is also providing assistance to the USDA-Agricultural Research Service on a Conservation Effects Assessment Project that is evaluating what impact changing land management practices have had on



The Britt Pond cleans up water from the Perrine Coulee before it enters the City of Twin Falls. It has become a popular site to hold field days or tours.

Conservation District Priority #3 — Education

As prime farmland around Twin Falls County is converted to subdivisions, educating small acreage owners about best management practices to protect surface and ground water quality has become increasingly more important. The Snake River SWCD received a federal 319 grant to sponsor a 16-week "Living on the Land" course taught in conjunction with the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service. Twenty three land-owners in the Oregon Trail Subdivision participated in the year-long effort. NRCS provided technical assistance to improve irrigation systems. A video is being produced to show the entire process of educating small acreage owners about pasture management, irrigation scheduling and other best management practices.

Information & Education/Public Outreach

In addition to the small acreage education program, the District is also involved in a demonstration site south of Hansen that is intended to help small acreage owners see plants and techniques that can help them conserve water in private landscapes.

Community Collaboration and Coordination

The Snake River SWCD has worked with a number of agencies and groups in the past year including: Department of Environmental Quality, Twin Falls Canal Company, Twin Falls County Commission, City of Twin Falls, Twin Falls County Highway Department, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, University of Idaho and USDA-Agricultural Research Service.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinate for Constituents with Conservation Partners to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
USDA	General Conservation*	\$793,013
USDA	Ground and Surface Water Conservation*	\$249,120
State	Water Quality*	\$515,197
City of Twin Falls	Water Quality	\$1,400
State	District Operations	\$12,332
Twin Falls County	District Operations	\$5,665
319	Water Quality**	\$310,000

*Twin Falls County as a whole

** Twin Falls County as whole and includes 40 percent local match

This constructed wetland was completed in the spring of 2005. It is part of a series of wetlands being developed on Perrine Coulee to clean up return flow before it enters the City of Twin Falls. The Perrine Coulee watershed drains approximately 10,000 acres of farm ground.





Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

South Bingham Soil Conservation District

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Aberdeen, Idaho 83210

Telephone Number 208-397-4917

Point of Contact David Wedel, Chairman

Counties Served Bingham

Legislative District(s) 27, 28

Function or Conservation District Mission

To take available technical, financial and educational resources whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water, and related resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 5 ½ miles (382) (ft) of fence installed for an intense grazing program.
- Conservation Cover (327) (ac) 139
- Cover Crop (340) (ac) 20
- Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442) (ac) 41
- Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, High Pressure, Underground, Plastic (430DD) (ft) 2000
- Irrigation Water Management (449) (ac) 755
- Nutrient Management (590) (ac) 728
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512) (ac) 4
- Pest Management (595) (ac) 100
- Pipeline (516) (ft) 1100
- Pond (378) (no) 1
- Prescribed Grazing (528) (ac) 40
- Prescribed Grazing (528A) (ac) 200
- Pumping Plant (533) (no) 1
- Residue Management, Mulch Till (329B) (ac) 700
- Surface Roughening (609) (ac) 20
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) (ac) 60
- Use Exclusion (472) (ac) 1
- Watering Facility (614) (no) 2

Conservation District Priority # 1 - Plant Materials Center (PMC)

- Purchased 38 additional acres for the Plant Materials Center to have space needed to further seed and grass trials.
- Installed a new irrigation system on new PMC areas.

Conservation District Priority #2 – District Operation

- Maintain office.
- Keep all Board Members directly involved in planning and proceedings on purchase of additional acreage for the Plant Materials Center.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Information & Education

- Poster Contest with 5th and 6th grades at Aberdeen Elementary.
- Scholarship Alesia Deschamps Aberdeen High School Senior was the proud recipient of this year's South Bingham SCD Scholarship.
- The South Bingham SCD and Plant Materials Center BBQ was held at Eric & Colleen Anthony's house after the BBQ, The Anthony's showed us all of the conservation improvements, that they have done on their farm.
- South Bingham SCD and the Aberdeen Gem Group had an Arbor Day Tree planting with 4th grade student at Aberdeen Elementary. Along with a presentation from Garry Bates with
- The Aberdeen Gem Group, South Bingham SCD, Roy Fowler (NRCS), City Of Aberdeen, Aberdeen Rotary, Chris Hoag from the Plant Materials Center and Paula Jones from RC&D are working on a walkway path and Wetlands in Aberdeen.
- The South Bingham SCD provides 4th 5th and 6th grades students at Aberdeen Elementary / Middle School a Field trip.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Planning and coordinating an Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting.
- Educational Packets for tree planting and Farm Programs available.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 2,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 7,457.00
USDA EQIP	Conservation	\$ 283,730.66

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices

Irrigation system on new PMC acres



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District

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Point of Contact Daryl Morgan, Chairman

Counties Served Gem, Boise and Valley

Legislative District(s) 8, 11, 22



Function or Conservation District Mission

- The function of the Soil Conservation District is to be the leading organization for providing action at the local level to promote wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with emphasis on soil and water.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- **58 landowners were assisted resulting in five EQIP contracts covering 689 acres, most of which are Forest Stand Improvements.**
- **The District was awarded a 319 Grant for stream bank erosion on the Middle Fork of the Payette River.**



Conservation District Priority # 1 – District Operations

- Develop and implement programs to conserve renewable natural resources while ensuring continued technical and financial assistance to cooperators.

Conservation District Priority #2 - Rangeland

- No-Till planting and prescribed grazing is planned for 6290 acres and Wildlife habitat management for 6699 acres.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Water Quality

- Five EQIP contracts amounting to \$145, 045 covering 689 acres, will include BMP's such as sediment basins, use exclusion, fencing and wildlife habitat.
- 4293 acres are planned and 581 already applied for irrigation water management.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Completed education to 290 - 3rd graders on Arbor Day and the importance of planting trees, giving each one a two-year old Ponderosa Pine seedling.
- Four students and a Cabin Advisor attended the Natural Resources Workshop in Ketchum with the District sponsoring all of their registration and travel expenses.
- Poster contest winners for the last three years have won District, Division and gone on to state competition, this year we also won state.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

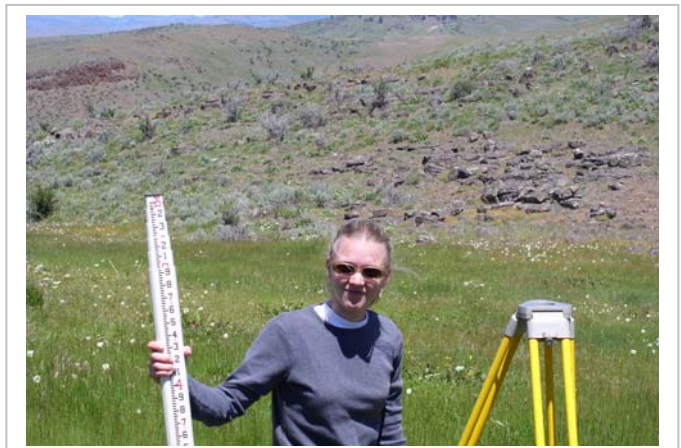
- Board members work closely with partnering agencies such as, Upper & Lower Coordinated Weed Management Agencies, BOR's Ad Hock Work Group, Local Work Group through FSA, County Planning & Zoning as well as many others.
- Two or more board members attend WAG meetings to discuss TMDL's on Mores Creek, North Fork and Middle Fork of the Payette and Lower Payette River as well as monitoring of Squaw Creek, Little Squaw Creek And Solider Creek.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 5,200.00
State	District Operations	\$ 11,381.00
USDA Farm Bill Programs	Conservation	\$ 145,045.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non-Point Source Pollution/Water Quality	\$ 42,000.00

Total	\$203,626.00
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Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Teton Soil Conservation District

Address PO Box 87
Driggs, Idaho 83422

Telephone Number (208) 354-2680 ext.3

Point of Contact J. Lynn Bagley, Chairman

Counties Served Teton

Legislative District(s) 31



Mission of the Teton Soil Conservation District

The Teton Soil Conservation District's (SCD) mission is to work with willing landowners to reduce soil erosion, protect water quality, improve air quality, and improve fish and wildlife habitat. They do this through the coordination of technical assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and financial and educational assistance to landowners.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- The NRCS developed 20 contracts in the EQIP and WHIP programs covering 3,026 acres to install fences, enhance wildlife habitat, improve pasture management, grass planting, enhance and repair degraded stream channels. They planned and implemented 11 CRP contracts covering 1394 acres. Twenty-three additional applications were processed for EQIP, WHIP, and GRP.
- Two stream restoration projects were installed during the year. Little Pine Creek and Teton Creek were nearly completed this Spring. Teton Creek is a critical trout habitat and spawning area, but passage was impossible due to a log jam 1/8 mile long. (see side photo of before /after). A cooperative effort assisted the landowner to remove 85 truck loads of woody debris and 65 truck loads of rock from the stream channel. More work is needed but the stream is now flowing in the original channel.
- The Teton Area Soil Survey team continues to update the old 1960's version of the survey. They are working with landowners to do on-site soil tests, correct errors, and improve wetland data missing from the previous survey.
- Preliminary meeting held with the NRCS and Grand Targhee Resort to install a high altitude snowtel site.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality and Quantity

- The Upper Teton River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plan was completed in April 2005. The plan identifies and recommends best management practices to address pollutants identified to meet the TMDL targets on the Teton River and tributaries.
- The Upper Teton Water Quality Monitoring Program wrapped up in April with their final report of water quality data that identifies potential pollutant sources and quantifies pollutant concentration on tributaries of the Teton River.
- The Teton River Water Quality Program for Agriculture was completed this year with the last contract installing 713 feet of water and sediment basins and 950 feet of terraces (see photo at top). Since the program began in 1991, the Teton River and Bitch Creek watersheds treated 12,742 critical acres of cropland with best management practices to protect water quality in a portion of the Teton River and Horseshoe, Packsaddle, Badger, Swanner, and Bitch Creeks drainages.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Vegetative Management

- The Windbreak tree and shrub program was successful with 2984 trees and 9750 linear feet of fabric mulch sold in the program this year. Since 1982 when the program began, 69,137 trees have been planted in Teton County.
- The Teton SCD informed landowners of the threat of noxious weeds through the distribution of noxious weed books and information provided at the Teton County Fair.
- An Eagle Scout candidate, John Beard, improved the Grass and Windbreak Tree demonstration plot by repairing and maintaining the fence, sign and weed control. As a result of this group effort, the demo plot is now a visual resource for improved grass species adapted to the Teton Basin climate.

Conservation District Priority # 3 - District Operations

- Teton SCD applied for and was granted an NRCS administrative assistance grant to provide assistance with the EQIP program. Teton SCD staff provided assistance in Toolkit, filing, EQIP and WHIP assistance.
- Teton SCD attended meetings pertinent to District programs including: NACD, IASCD division and state meetings; monthly meetings; meetings with the County Commissioners; and locally led conservation meetings.
- Teton SCD pays dues to conservation organizations and associations including: NACD, IASCD, IASCD - Division VI, IDEA, and RC&D.
- Teton SCD offers rental of gopher control equipment and sale of non-restricted bait to control rodents that destroy trees and cropland.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Teton SCD sponsored a booth at the Teton County Fair featuring ‘backyard conservation,’ which showcased best management practices that landowners can do to improve their environment and conserve resources.
- Teton SCD sponsored a team from Teton High School’s Environmental Science class to participate in the Idaho Envirothon. They won the ‘Rookie Award’ for most points of a new team.
- Teton SCD sponsored a local landowner, Gary Zohner, to attend the STEEP conservation tillage conference. This conference will educate landowners of the benefits of conservation tillage to improve water quality near the Teton River.
- Teton SCD sponsored a poster contest featuring the theme ‘celebrate conservation.’ Nearly 200 local 5th and 6th grade students participated in March. In October 2004, two of the student poster from last year won the Division VI contest and went on to compete at the state level in November 2004. Kaitlin Kerr’s poster won the state contest and went on to the national competition in February.
- Teton SCD nominated Darwin Josephson and Steve Ray for awards at the IASCD convention in November. Two prestigious awards were presented. Darwin was awarded the Doyle Scott award and Steve was awarded the RN Irving award. We are proud of these two selfless conservationists and the awards they received.
- Brad Duncan, NRCS soil scientist, presented the local 6th grade students with information regarding soils at a field trip in May at the Teton County Fairgrounds.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- A cooperative effort was used to test and determine a source of e-coli bacteria on Woods Creek. These meetings and efforts were coordinated with Friends of Teton River, NRCS, DEQ and Teton SCD. (Water Quality priority)
- Cooperative efforts completed the Teton Creek restoration work (as caption in 1st page photo). The Teton Regional Land Trust, NRCS, Teton SCD and a private group ‘One Fish’ assisted in the effort. (NRCS summary)
- Teton SCD assisted the Teton Regional Land Trust in partnership of a NAWCCA wetland grant. The partnership makes available \$25,000.00 for waterfowl projects identified by Teton SCD. (Water Quality Priority)
- Two meeting held: 1) A cooperative effort between NRCS Water Supply forecasters, Teton SCD and the Friends of the Teton River. The meeting was entitled: “How much water do we have?” over 20 people attended. 2) Over 60 people attended the IASCD – Division VI meeting regarding the Nez Perce Agreement. Teton SCD staff and Darwin Josephson, director, coordinated the meeting with the Farm Bureau and Water Law advisors. (Water Quantity Priority)

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners – The following graph provides funds in Teton County from all sources including: Teton SCD, USDA - NRCS, USDA-FSA to plan, design and implement BMPs to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho’s renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
State Of Idaho	Teton Soil Conservation District Operations	11,015.30
Teton County	Teton Soil Conservation District Operations	4,815.00
NRCS Admin Grant (EQIP)	EQIP Administrative Assistance	9,839.00
Water Quality Program for Ag.	BMPs to improve Water Quality	6,407.28
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation practices in WHIP and EQIP contracts	373,961.00
USDA Farm Programs	CRP annual payments in 11 new contracts	45,154.00
TOTAL		451,951.58

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District

1441 Fillmore St. #A

Twin Falls, ID 83301

733-5380 ext. 3

Larry Meyer, Chair

Counties Served: Twin Falls

Legislative District(s): 23 and 24



Function or Conservation District Mission

The Twin Falls SWCD set forth a simple goal when it was founded in 1951 — to promote conservation farming on every acre in the District and thereby build a more stable and prosperous agricultural community. That simple goal remains the guiding tenet for the district's conservation efforts today.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

One of the Twin Falls SWCD's greatest achievements in 2005 was the completion of a corral relocation and riparian reseeding project. Using the federal 319 grant program, a corral system located on a tributary to Rock Creek and eventually the Snake River was relocated to a site about 2



Site of old corrals being prepped for reseeding.



Surveying site for new corral system.

miles away. Over a mile of riparian fencing was also installed and the old corral site seeded. Monitoring will be done in the winter of 2005 and those results will be compared to water quality data collected before the relocation project began to determine the sediment and nutrient loss savings.

Conservation District Priority #1 — Water Conservation

For this chronically water short area, water conservation is a key goal. The District encourages cooperators to use the federal EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) and state RCRDP (Rangeland Conservation and Resource Development Program) to convert from surface to sprinkler irrigation systems to conserve water. Three EQIP applications were funded which will save 2,880 tons of sediment annually. Eight RCRDP loans were approved in Twin Falls County that will save 18,500 tons of soil annually in Twin Falls County.

The District is also providing assistance to the Salmon River Canal Company to help them pipe laterals and canals to reduce water losses during conveyance. With the laterals piped, some cooperators have been able to gravity pressurize their pumps, which also saves electricity.

Conservation District Priority #2 — Rangeland/Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement

Promoting conservation practices that improve grazing for livestock and habitat for sage grouse is a high priority for the Twin Falls SWCD.

Rob Rogerson, a cooperator in the Shoshone Basin, was named IASCD Grassman of the Year for his efforts to improve sage grouse habitat.

The District is administering two sage grouse projects for the Idaho Department of Fish & Game and the Bureau of Land Management. These agreements include fencing around springs and creeks, and some experimental land treatment to assist with sage brush growth.

And the District cooperated and provided assistance to the Bureau of Land Management to map public and some private rangeland in the Shoshone Basin. Preliminary indications are that sage brush cover has increased by 10 percent since a 1992 survey.

Conservation District Priority #3 — Protecting Ground Water

As the number of dairies in the Twin Falls SWCD has increased so have concerns about ground water quality. The District sponsored an animal waste management workshop for crop producers who accept animal waste in February 2005. About 75 producers from across the Magic Valley attended the half-day event, which was held in conjunction with Agri-Action.

Information & Education/Public Outreach

Because conserving water is so important, the District is involved in a demonstration site south of Hansen that is intended to help small acreage owners learn about water wise plants and techniques that can be used in private landscapes.

The District also sponsors a water forecast meeting for stockholders in the Salmon River Canal Company to allow them to make planting decisions to best use available water. The 50th anniversary of that water forecast meeting was held in April 2005.

Community Collaboration and Coordination

The Twin Falls SWCD has worked with a number of agencies and groups in the past year including: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Salmon River Canal Company, Twin Falls County Commission, Twin Falls County Highway Department, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Agriculture and USDA-Agricultural Research Service.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinate for Constituents with Conservation Partners

to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
USDA	General Conservation*	\$793,013
USDA	Ground and Surface Water Conservation*	\$249,120
State	Water Quality*	\$515,197
BLM/IDFG	Sage Grouse Habitat	\$1,381
State	District Operations	\$12,332
Twin Falls County	District Operations	\$5,665
319	Water Quality**	\$310,000

*Twin Falls County as a whole

** Twin Falls County as whole and including 40 percent local match



**Report of Accomplishments
Fiscal Year 2005
Valley Soil and Water Conservation District
PO Box 580, 209 North Idaho Street
Cascade, ID 83615
Phone Number (208) 382-3317
Paul Kleint, Chair
County Served: Valley
Legislative District: 8**

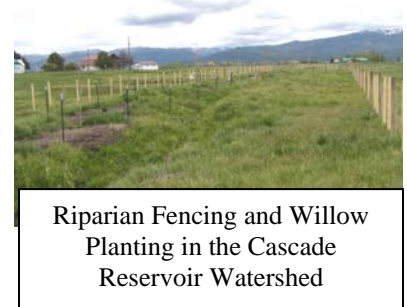


Valley Soil and Water Conservation District Mission Statement

We encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and elected officials to improve our natural resources thereby ensuring an adequate natural resource base for present and future generations. We believe that knowledge, peer involvement, cooperation and incentives are the best methods to improve soil and water resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Implementation of the Cascade Reservoir Watershed TMDL has made substantial progress since 1994 through an overall combined effort from point and non point sources through agriculture, forestry and urban/suburban sectors. According to IDEQ in 2004 the estimated phosphorus reduction is now 8,540 kg/yr or 57% of the total reduction goal.
- Completed 319 Cascade Reservoir Watershed Phase I BMP Implementation grant administered by Valley SWCD. Agricultural: Treated 428 acres reducing an estimated 2,350 tons of sediment annually. Urban/Suburban: Improved 1 mile of road adjacent to Cascade Reservoir reducing an estimated 74 tons of sediment annually. Plus assisted 14 landowners with BMP installation of 1,498 feet of Cascade Reservoir shoreline stabilization projects.
- Assisted 11 landowners in BMP implementation of USDA-NRCS Farm Bill Program projects.
- Provided general technical assistance to 53 landowners in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts and the Idaho Department of Agriculture.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

- Seven landowners treated 274 critical TMDL acres reducing an estimated 1,888 tons of sediment annually from reaching Cascade Reservoir.
- Engaged 14 landowners through 319 to install Cascade Reservoir Watershed shoreline stabilization projects.
- Through 319 assisted the Valley County Road Department to improve drainage reducing surface water pollutants on 1 mile of road adjacent to Cascade Reservoir.
- Eleven landowners converted 154 acres to conservation tillage through use of the Valley SWCD No Till Drill.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Riparian

- Seven landowners installed 1,995 feet of streambank protection through conservation planning and BMP implementation cost share contracts.
- 18 miles of riparian assessments on the North Fork of the Payette River Watershed were completed.
- 64 acres of agricultural lands treated for which wildlife habitat is the primary or secondary concern.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Pasture and Hayland

- Conservation Plans for grazing land were written on 8,679 acres.
- Prescribed grazing was installed, treating 572 acres under NRCS EQIP Farm Bill contracts.
- Pest Management treated 687 acres under NRCS EQIP Farm Bill contracts.
- Planted 232 acres of the BMP - Pasture and Hayland as per NRCS seeding recommendations.
- Irrigation water efficiency was improved on 310 acre-feet of water.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Sponsored Valley County BMP Tour for landowners and agencies with article written by local Star News reporter attending tour of the BMP projects seen on the tour.
- Joint Valley County Fair Booth Display with Cascade Reservoir WAG provided information and photos on BMPs installed. Display also informed citizens on what they could do to improve water quality.
- Distributed two Valley SWCD newsletters to approximately 600 landowners, partnerships, agencies, etc.
- Two \$500 scholarships awarded to Valley County graduating high school students pursuing an education in agricultural or natural resources.
- Awarded three student scholarships to attend the Natural Resources Workshop.
- Participated in Water Awareness Days that was offered to over 100 local 5th grade students.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Provided 42 Valley County Planning and Zoning comment letters regarding natural resource concerns.
- Awarded the Cascade High School Advanced Biology students \$500 for a Crown Point Vegetative Stabilization Demo Project which is located on the south end of Cascade Reservoir.
- Sponsored four CSP Informational Workshops/Meetings for North Fork of the Payette producers.
- Sponsored through RC&D and Fish and Game for a Mahala Irrigation Ditch fish screen replacement with a self cleaning fish screen to help with moss build up and to improve irrigation water flow.

FY05 Report of Accomplishment Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners – to plan design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 16,270.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 24,505.00
USDA Farm Program	Conservation	\$ 128,022.00
319	Water Quality	<u>\$ 183,375.00</u>
Total		\$ 352,172.00

Valley Soil and Water Conservation District sponsored four Conservation Security Program (CSP) Informational Workshops to assist landowners and operators with their decision making in applying for this new USDA NRCS program.





Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Weiser River Soil Conservation District

Address: 847 E. 9th St.

Weiser, Idaho 83672

Telephone Number: 208-549-4250

Point of Contact: Michael Hartnett-Chairman

Counties Served: Washington

Legislative District(s): #9

Function or Conservation District Mission

To provide local leadership in the conservation development and productive use of soil, water and related resources. To act as a catalyst to bring people and programs together, to bring about a quality way of life, a quality resource base and a quality environment.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- The District assisted 7 landowners on the Weiser Flat in implementing 35 BMP's for a demonstration project.
- Conservation plans for 753 acres of cropland were written.
- Conservation plans for 6,461 acres of grazing land were written.
- 317 acre-feet of water were saved due to irrigation improvements.
- There was 1,564 tons of soil erosion reduced by BMP installations.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

The District applied for and received funding for a Water Quality Demonstration Project to install BMP's on 232 acres on the Weiser Flat. Our participants have been successful in reducing nitrates, phosphorus and sediment, and are seeing the benefits of better irrigation management.

- There were 7 participants in the District's 319 Water Quality Demonstration Project, consisting of 232 acres.
- The project saw a reduction in nitrogen application of approximately 15,000 pounds and a reduction of phosphorus of approximately 3,000 pounds.
- The project's 3 constructed sediment basins have a combined collection of 136 cubic yards of sediment per year.

Conservation District Priority #2 – District Operations

- Participant of the Weiser River Watershed Advisory Group and the Technical Advisory Group.
- Provide a tour of District projects for the community.
- Oversee daily District operations.
- Actively seek funding sources.
- Develop a yearly Information & Education work plan, addressing the needs of the general public and schools.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Cropland

- Held an informational tour with 26 participants to inform landowners on subjects such as; variable speed pumps, surge and drip irrigation, nutrient management techniques and monitoring needs.
 - There was 8,920 feet of irrigated gated pipe installed; 6,051 feet of sprinkler mainline installed, 1,971 feet of irrigation pipeline and 9,624 feet of stock water pipeline installed.
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Conservation District Priority #4 – Rangeland

- 3,814 feet of fence installed which allowed for the following;
- 14,934 acres of prescribed grazing and 115 acres of range planting.

Conservation District Priority #5 – Animal Waste Management

- 3 animal waste management pond systems designed

Conservation District Priority #6 – Urban Awareness

- Met with the Weiser City Council, Washington County Commissioners and local legislatures to bring awareness of conservation issues.
- Give presentations on monitoring results and District efforts to address TMDL issues to groups such as; The Weiser Groundwater Committee and the Weiser River WAG & TAG, Washington County Commissioners and the City of Weiser.

Information & Education/Public Outreach

- The District held a tour to highlight the 319 Demonstration Project and educate the public on Best Management Practices. Sets up displays at local festivals and fairs and sends a newsletter to approx. 500 landowners.
- The District supports conservation education among youth by being involved in and hosting several events throughout the year, such as 6th Grade Field Day (with 220 students and volunteers), Envirothon (the largest national environmental competition for students), Poster Contest for over 180 students and in school work shops.
- Work with local teachers through Project WET to educate in regards to conservation issues.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Actively seek a liaison from Washington County and the City of Weiser to attend District Board Meetings.
- Participant in the Weiser River WAG and provided clerical assistance for 6 meetings.
- Team up with the City of Weiser during Drinking Water Week to hold tours of water treatment plant.
- Hold a legislative luncheon for local government officials to coordinate conservation efforts.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Washington County	District Operations	\$ 8,000.00
City of Weiser	District Operations	\$ 1,000.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non-Point Source Pollution	\$ 30,206.13
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 4,435.75
U of I Project Splash	Water Quality	\$ 654.68
USDA Farm Program	Conservation	\$ 101,739.00
Total		\$ 146,035.56

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Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District

**Address 1361 East 16th Street
Burley, Idaho 83318**

Telephone Number 208-678-1225 ext.3

Point of Contact Tia Mullins, chair

Counties Served Cassia County

Legislative District(s) 27

Conservation District Mission

- To set high standards for conservation of natural resources. To encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, and elected officials to accomplish conservation goals. To educate both youth and adult in conservation practices and needs.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

Covering all of Cassia County:

- 159 Best Management Practices in various stages of implementation or completed for fiscal year 2005.
- 75 active EQIP contracts under implementation which include 28 new contracts for FY05 with the new 2005 funding at \$869,851.
- 176 current CRP Contracts covering 50,872 acres bringing \$1,599,752 into the county.
- Provide general technical assistance to approximately 250 to 300 landowners each year.



Above: Shoreline Stabilization Project Site

West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District:

- Approx. 46% of all Cassia Co. Contracts, in various stages of implementation on irrigated land improvements.
- Big Cottonwood Creek Piping Cost Share Project, received \$15,000 SCC money plus \$24,644 in EQIP money.
- Shoreline Stabilization and Riparian Restoration Project on the Snake River, received \$55,350 in grant money.

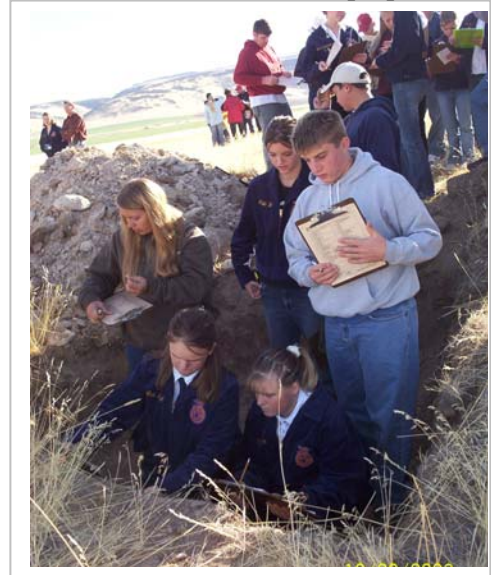
Conservation District Priority # 1 District Operations

- Board meetings held monthly which are open to the public and the media. Revision of the Annual Plan and 5-year Resource Conservation Plan completed yearly, budgets and financial statements are reviewed.
- Met with County Commissioners to review the proposed budget as a basis for requesting county funding.
- Representation to the Legislative Luncheon (Jan.) Division IV Meetings (Mar. & Oct.), and the IASCD Conference (Nov.). Board members study potential or existing legislation that impacts the district and draft appropriate legislation for presentation at the IASCD annual conference.

Conservation District Priority #2 Information & Education / Public Outreach

- 814 local landowners receive Quarterly Newsletters including an Annual Report of work activities accomplished during the fiscal year. Each newsletter holds information on activities, practices and conservation improvements.

- Annual Awards Banquet held to honor a Cooperator of the Year, and other worthy conservation awards are presented.
- Manage the Annual Tree Sale providing seedling trees for windbreaks and other conservation purposes.
- Co-sponsor / Host the **Idaho State Land & Soil Evaluation Event** for 4-H and FFA students. (pictured at right) →
- Approximately 800+ school age students receive information, receive scholarship funding, and participate in the following educational activities: Natural Resources Workshop Camp, Know Your Government, 5th & 6th grade Poster Contest, High School Speech Contest, Envirothon, and the district provides 2 annual Scholarship Awards to graduating seniors.



Conservation District Priority # 3 Water Resources

- Shoreline Stabilization and Riparian Restoration of the Milner Lake Segment of the Snake River Cassia County Project, covering ½ mile of river bank with 1,550 feet of rock and shoreline stabilization work, \$55,350 grant money received.
- Big Cottonwood Creek Piping Cost Share Project, received \$15,000 SCC money plus \$24,644 in EQIP money.
- Encourage good conservation practices which reduce water and dust erosion, conversion to sprinkler systems, promoting the benefits of crop residue, conservation tillage, and cross slope farming practices.
- Promote animal waste management practices including odor and pest controls, and nitrate and phosphate levels. Support Animal Waste Composting efforts through conservation plans and providing information to the public. Encourage use of BMP's.

Conservation District Priority # 3 Pasture and Hay

- Educate the landowners concerning rotation techniques to improve yields.
- Approximately 46% of Cassia County's 159 BMP's are for West Cassia and are currently in various stages of implementation. They include watering improvements and irrigating practices that reduce erosion and provide optimum moisture for crops.
- Encourage use of windbreaks to control erosion through the annual seedling tree sale and assistance of East Cassia's windbreak clean-up efforts.
- Newsletters provided information regarding noxious weeds and stressed weed control practices.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Member/Sponsor of the Mid-Snake R C & D.
- Member of the WAG and BAG Committees.
- DEQ Groundwater Study Committee compiling Cassia County's Groundwater Quality Management Plan.

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Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Cassia County	County Funding for District Operations	\$ 2,500.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 8,068.80
EQIP Contract Funding (total for all of Cassia County)	Implementation of Conservation Plans	\$ 869,851.00
319 Grant Money	Stabilize Snake River Shoreline	\$ 55,350.00
EQIP & WQPA Project money	Pipeline Project	\$ 39,644.00
CRP (total for all of Cassia Co.)		\$ 1,599,752.00
Total Funding:		\$ 2,575,165.80



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

West Side Soil and Water Conservation District

**Address 1120 Lincoln Road, Suite A
Idaho Falls, ID 83401**

Telephone Number (208) 522-6250

Point of Contact Mark Hyndman, District Chairman

Counties Served Western Bonneville and Central Jefferson

Legislative District(s) 32, 33, 35

Function or Conservation District Mission

To deliver natural resource conservation technology and education to promote wise use of natural resources and management practices to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations in the West Side Soil & Water Conservation District.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 25 cooperators installed/maintained management practices to prevent wind erosion, improve grazing conditions, and enhance wildlife habitat
- 4 miles of cross fencing installed to enhance grazing management on 1800 acres
- 3 windbreaks installed to protect cropland from wind erosion and to enhance wildlife habitat
- 455 volunteers spent 623 hours cleaning canals of debris, thus protecting water quality in the canal systems that flow back to the Snake River.



Conservation District Priority # 1 Wind & Water Erosion

- 3 windbreaks installed – 5,662 trees/shrubs planted and 11,320 feet of fabric weed barrier laid to protect against wind erosion and enhance wildlife habitat.
- 1 sprinkler system (flood to pivot) installed to improve irrigation efficiency.
- 1800 acres rangeland treated through USDA Farm program EQIP

Conservation District Priority # 2 Water Quality

- Participated in Water Awareness Week activities with *Conservation Jeopardy* game for youth.
- 2 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans written
- Adopt-A-Canal project – 455 volunteers spent 623 hours cleaning debris from waterways and collecting 657 garbage bags and numerous larger items

Conservation District Priority # 3 District Operations

- District Chairman met and/or communicated with County Commissioners the District's funding needs and concerns.
- Participated in Idaho Association of Conservation Districts (IASCD) *Legislative Displays* at the State Capitol.
- Supervisors and Staff attended annual IASCD Conference - objective: training opportunities and receive information necessary to carry out District programs and provide services to District cooperators.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Coordinate District sponsored *Adopt-A-Canal* project – Objective: To increase awareness of protecting water quality from urban run-off and debris dumped into canals and waterways running through residential areas.
- Co-Sponsored a Weed Seminar with East Side SWCD – 55 participants – 3 pesticide recertification points were offered.
- Participated in the INEEL Science Expo with a Soils hands-on demonstration – youth and adults in attendance.
- Participated in Water Awareness Week activities for youths

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Two Supervisors serve as co-chairmen on the Willow Creek WAG
- Member of Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce. Represented on Board of Directors and as Chairman of Agriculture Committee.
- Member and Sponsor of the High Country Resource Conservation Development (RC&D) Council

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Bonneville County	District Operations	\$ 3,000.00
Jefferson County	District Operations	\$ 750.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 9,785.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$52,700.00
TOTAL		\$66,235.00

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Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Wood River Soil Conservation District

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Telephone Number 208-886-2258 ext. 3

Point of Contact Carl Pendleton, Chairman

Counties Served Lincoln County

Legislative District(s) 25

Function or Conservation District Mission

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resource management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

A total of 62 applications to prioritize and rank for the Environmental Quality Incentive program (EQIP) with only \$150,000.00 allocated for the District. However because other counties were unable to utilize their EQIP allocation the District ended up with a grand total of \$690,230.00. A total of 12 landowners were approved: 7 Irrigation systems, 3 Grazing systems, 1 Energy Conservation savings and 1 Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) contract for a \$55,993.00 Conservation District Priority.



1 WATER QUALITY

- Applied for a Water Quality grant to conserve water and implement BMP's in the 700 Creek Drainage, North of Shoshone. Commission members along with District board members looked over agreement and signed. (Approved February 1, 2005).
- Received letter of support from DEQ and the WAG for the 700 Creek Drainage
- Completed the plan of work for 700 Creek Drainage February 26, 2005.
- Utilize the EQIP program, RCRDP loan applications, Conservation Improvement grants and other programs that have been available.

Conservation District Priority

2 ANIMAL WASTE

- Increase the knowledge base of landowner in dealing with all animal waste.
- To have responsible people apply animal waste in an agronomical approved application and rate.

Conservation District Priority

3 IRRIGATED CROPLAND

- Inform and educate landowners for opportunities on WQPA 700 Creek Drainage
- Received 9 WQPA applications and have contracted & designed with 1 landowner.
- 1 WQPA 700 Creek contract complete on irrigated cropland (Tony Pantone)
- EQIP (7 contracts for a total of 1520 acres)

Information & Education / Public Outreach:

The Wood River Soil Conservation District continues to conduct poster & speech contest along with contributions for Envirothon, Forestry contest, Stewardship week & Arbor Day. We also continue to educate landowners of new programs for agriculture with a quarterly newsletter. Promote and give scholarships for Natural Resource

Workshop held annually to local youths throughout the schools. We sponsored 2 returning campers and 3 new campers to NRW.

Hosted and attended the Legislative Luncheon at Burren West Magic. Carl Pendleton gave a power point presentation on the Middle Little Wood WQPA project and the before and after results.

Hold the annual Tree Sale for landowners to promote windbreaks, shelterbelts and snow fences.

The District continues to put out Newsletters, News articles, postcards, flyers and a webpage to inform the public of our annual Tree Sale, Water Quality, and other District issues.

The District sells over 5,000 trees annually while educating and contributing to students throughout the County giving them an opportunity to learn about trees as they sort, unload and sell for the District.

Community Collaboration & Coordination:

The WRSCD has continued their involvement with the locally led group by reviewing and approving the EQIP criteria, while establishing the resource of concern and ranking criteria for Lincoln County.

The board continues their involvement with the Richfield and Dietrich pressurization project. The District has received material on a draft plan already established with updated cost estimates on the Little Wood River Irrigation District Pressurized Delivery System. Ron Gill prepared this plan with assistance from other NRCS State Technical Staff as requested in November 24, 2004.

The District board continues to be involved with the snow maintenance course & snow survey. Bob Simpson, supervisor from Blaine SCD and manager of the Little Wood Canal presents a snow report and forecast during the months of January through March.

The District continues to work with the Southern Idaho biological weed control with financial contributions and staff involvement for the summer. The Lincoln Bug crew hired 4 students from the surrounding area, helping the community.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners:

To plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
WQPA	Clean up nutrients, phosphorus and nitrates in 700 Creek to benefit Big Wood River	\$ 300,000.00
Annual Tree Sale	Windbreaks, snow fences & shelterbelts	\$ 5,000.00
NRCS / USDA Farm Programs	Soil and Water Conservation	\$ 690,230.00
Glanbia / Court ruling on fish kill	Restoration on the Little Wood River	\$ 37,650.00
County / State	District Operations	\$ 2,500.00
Idaho Fish and Game	Fish & Wildlife	\$ 5,993.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 6,678.95
State of Idaho	RCRDP grants	\$ 30,000.00
State of Idaho	RCRDP loans (15)	\$ 429,088.57
TOTAL		\$ 1,507,140.40

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Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Yellowstone Soil Conservation District

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St. Anthony, Idaho 83445**

Telephone Number: 208-624-3341 ext. 3

Point of Contact Evan Worrell, Chairman

Counties Served Fremont

Legislative District(s) 34, 35

Function

Our Vision...to provide responsible care for Fremont County's natural resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- A total of 26 cooperators participated in the Ashton Groundwater Protection Project aimed at reducing nitrates in the groundwater through soil testing and following University of Idaho guidelines for chemical application. 15,000 acres are included in the project.
- Assisted 69 landowners in NRCS Conservation Security Program.
- Assisted 12 cooperators in NRCS EQIP projects.
- Assisted 12 cooperators in NRCS FRP projects.
- Assisted Fremont County and Harriman State Park with Technical support and assistant for riprap and fencing projects, respectively.

Henry's Lake Shoreline Restoration



Conservation District Priority # 1 - Water Quality

- To meet the requirements of Idaho Water Quality Law and the Clean Water Act, the YSCD will work in conjunction with IASCD, NRCS, ISCC, WAGs and land occupiers and local/state/federal agencies.
- To reduce nitrates in drinking water in and around the Ashton area by continued financial assistance for soil testing and operator assistance. Parlay project results to public and governmental agencies.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Soil Erosion

- Reduce erosion on one mile of riparian area or shoreline annually. In 2005 project included a fencing project which protects over 75 acres of shoreline

Conservation District Priority # 3 – District Operations

- Provide continued technical and financial assistance to cooperators participating in various conservation projects, i.e. continuation of Ashton Groundwater Protection Project, fencing of wetlands area at Harriman State Park and riprap project on Henry's Fork through Fremont County.
- Held two local conservation working group meetings to inform cooperators of available conservation projects and funding opportunities.
- Provided fertilizer recommendations to over 30 cooperators.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Coordinated and conducted field trips based on water conservation to over 800 elementary students and special interest groups.
- Provided groundwater presentations to over 200 junior high students.
- Prepared news articles for regional media regarding the various conservation issues and programs.
- Prepared and mailed fact sheets regarding soil testing to over 300 cooperators.
- Provided direct mailings regarding various conservation programs.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Attended meetings of the Henry's Lake Watershed Council
- Provided written comment regarding various land use proposals, etc.
- Assisted USDA Forest Service, Fremont County and surrounding communities with technical assistance regarding water quality project.
- Assist with Fremont County Fair and 4-H Day.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Fremont County	District Operations	\$ 7,400.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 13,708.55
WQPA	Best Management Practices	\$ 17,635.00
IASCD/NRCS	Farm Bill Assistance	\$ 7,000.00
319	Water Quality/AGPP	\$ 21,805.00
Ducks Unlimited	Streambank Protection	\$ 15,000.00
Ducks Unlimited	Wetland Protection	\$ 5,000.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 2,591,651.00

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Teaching future conservationist's
how to
Build a Better Back Yard

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Idaho District Employee Association

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Point of Contact Debbie Tiede, President

**Counties Served Serving 51 Conservation District and Counties
Through Statewide Membership**



Idaho District Employee Association Mission: *To enhance communication, promote professional improvement, and increase effectiveness of conservation districts and their employees; and to foster mutual partnership with conservation agencies, organizations and associations.*

Natural Resource Support Summary

- Provided district employee training and support to enhance and encourage professionalism and communication by holding workshops in each of the six divisions within the state.
- Secured funding for Division Workshops from NRCS: \$2300; ISCC \$2300; IDEA \$600
- Completed the necessary requests forms and reimbursement forms
- Provided scholarships for professional development
- Complete Annual Plan
- Provided financial and administrative support to Natural Resource contests: Envirothon, Idaho Forestry Contest and Idaho Land Judging Contest.

IDEA Priority # 1 – Professional Development

- Employee outreach
- Trainings – All Divisions will hold workshops this year
- Internal Communications IDEA
- Annual Report completed by September 1, 2005
- Review of Bylaws completed July 11, 2005
- Review of Annual Plan completed July 11, 2005
- Meeting Reports
 - IASCD/ISCC
 - IDEA
 - Regional/National District Employee Association Reports
 - Liaison Reports provided by IASCD, NRCS and ISCC at IDEA Directors Meetings
 - Web Site – Updated regularly

IDEA Priority #2 - External Communication/Relationships

- Partnerships/Team Building - Ongoing
- Reports provided to ISCC by IDEA President, Debbie Tiede

IDEA Priority # 3 Information & Education/ Public Outreach

Contests

- Envirothon - Staff Support/Funding
- Forestry Contest - Staff Support/Funding
- Soils/Land Judging - Staff Support/Funding

Fund Raiser to Support Activities

- Gun Raffle

Annual Meeting

- Support to IASCD by IDEA Directors and Membership

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to provide professional development and administrative support to Idaho's 51 Soil Conservation Districts.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
IDEA Dues (49 Districts)	General Operations	\$ 1,670.00
IASCD Conference Support	General Operations	\$ 1,778.00
Raffle Income	General Operations	\$ 2,000.00
Idaho Soil Conservation Commission	District Employee Professional Development	\$ 2,300.00
Natural Resources Conservation Service	District Employee Professional Development	\$ 2,300.00
		\$ 10,048.00

Idaho District Employee Association assisting District employees and partners with increased effectiveness of conservation districts and their employees.



2005 Report of Accomplishments

Idaho Soil Conservation Commission

Location: 2270 Old Penitentiary Road

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Boise, Idaho 83701-0790

Telephone: 208-332-8650

Contact: Jerry Nicolescu, Administrator



Area of Focus: Statewide

Vision: To be a precise, highly efficient, and effective organization providing statewide natural resource leadership through its support and service to Conservation Districts

Mission: To provide support and service to Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the wise use and enhancement of soil, water, and related resources

Commission Members: Appointed to staggered five-year terms by Idaho's Governor

Chairman	J. Morgan Evans
Vice Chairman	Gary Grindstaff
Member	Dick Rush
Member	Dwight Horsch
Member	Vacant

Commission Programs and Projects:

- Conservation District operations support
- Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDLs) – Agricultural components
- Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program (RCRDP)
- Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA)
- Clearwater Focus Program/Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Project
- Conservation Improvement Grants
- Idaho OnePlan
- Idaho Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee (ICSAC)
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Soil and Water Conservation District Operations

- Provided administrative, financial, and personnel leadership and guidance to the supervisors and staff of Conservation Districts to accomplish their statutory responsibilities
- Facilitated cooperation and collaboration of state, federal, regional, interstate, and local public and private agencies, and secured assistance with conservation districts
- Provided administrative support to 237 elected Supervisors, 51 Conservation Districts and Staff on:
 - Subdivision of state government procedures and parameters
 - Allocation of State funds
 - Financial management, accountability, and review
 - Technical management

- Annual Resource Conservation Business Plans Of Work
- Personnel policies and procedures
- Idaho Open Meeting Law
- Idaho Ethics in Government
- Idaho Public Records Law
- Public Outreach

Water Quality

- Working through local Conservation Districts and private landowners, provided water quality improvement and protection to 33,000 acres of agricultural land, livestock confinement areas totaling 1,000 head of cattle, and over 5 miles of riparian area
- Provided leadership to Conservation District project sponsors, resulting in the treatment of 18,000 acres of critical agriculture land, restoration of 15,000 feet of riparian area, and improvement of animal feeding areas
- Surveyed 436 miles of Idaho's rivers and creeks, primarily on private land, for the development and implementation of TMDLs, water quality, and Endangered Species Act (ESA) fish and wildlife habitat
- Continued development of the agricultural components of TMDL Implementation Plans, with 38 completed and 32 more TMDLs in progress
- Evaluated agricultural Best Management Practices for TMDL use, groundwater quality, and fish and wildlife habitat protection
- Developed groundwater implementation strategies addressing agricultural concerns in 25 Group One Nitrate Priority Areas; implemented agricultural groundwater quality protection and improvement through projects in 4 of the 25 priority areas
- Assisted Conservation Districts in the development of § 319 grants for water quality
- Watershed Advisory Committee financial administrative assistance

Water Quantity

- Implemented 16 projects in the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer region, facilitating a reduction in withdrawals from the groundwater aquifer, a savings of 142 acre-feet of water per day during the irrigation season

Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Loans

- Serviced 75 loans
- Increased number of loans approved by 70 percent
- Increased money disbursed to customers by 28 percent
- Marketing efforts included 17 Conservation Districts meetings, 5 IASCD Division meetings, 3 irrigation workshops, 2 funders' fairs, and the Boise Rural Appraisal Association

Water Quality Program for Agriculture

- Assisted Conservation Districts in identifying critical watersheds and applying for and obtaining WQPA funding for eleven water quality projects
 - Nine of the projects addressed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) treatment
 - Seven of the projects centered on Endangered Species habitat improvement
 - Two projects promoted nutrient management in two of Idaho's Group One Nitrate Priority Areas
- The projects committed \$1.3 million in state funds, while leveraging \$2.3 million in funds from federal and private sources

Clearwater Focus Program/Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Project

- Provided technical and administrative assistance to seven Conservation Districts to restore fish and wildlife habitat and fish passage throughout critical watersheds
- Continued project work funded by the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Funds and the Bonneville Power Administration's Fish and Wildlife Program

Conservation Improvement Grants

- Approved 16 Conservation Improvement Grants applications

Idaho OnePlan

- Updated Nutrient Management Planner
- Revised Conservation Planner to meet State and Federal program needs
- Initiated development on the Range Management Planner component
- Finalized Integrated Pest Management Planner

Idaho Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee

- Presided over ICSAC as per Idaho Code § 22-5103 for four committee meetings
- Conducted a forestry/agriculture carbon trading workshop for producers in Eastern Idaho
- Drafted legislation for the addition of three members to Idaho Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee
- Prepared *Carbon Sequestration on Idaho Agricultural and Forest Lands* report
- Provided technical input for the development of national technical standards for agricultural carbon trading
- Facilitated membership in the National Carbon Offset Coalition as well as the Big Sky Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- New program established by Idaho Legislature effective July 1, 2005
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